

## **SPORTS CONTAINER SYSTEM**

### **BACKGROUND**

This invention relates to providing a system for improved apparatus and methods for providing sports representation containers. Typically, people need to carry with them smaller personal effects such as money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items. For several reasons, such a task can be difficult. Setting these items down at each destination creates the risk of forgetting about them and leaving them behind, or even having them stolen. In addition, such items may be too many or too large for placing in the pockets of one's clothing. Furthermore, keeping these items in a person's hands, at all times, obviously prevents them from having their hands free for completing tasks.

For example, a fan attending a sporting event may wish to carry and have with them, during the game, money, ID's, keys, and suntan lotion. The fan encounters the problems of not having enough pocket space, and risks having such items lost or stolen if they are placed under stadium seats.

Furthermore, most sports fans have a great interest in displaying the sports and teams of their liking. Typical sports fans tend to wear hats, t-shirts, and jerseys representative of their preferred sports and teams. For example, New York Yankees fan and Mayor of New York, Rudolph

Giuliani, has been notably photographed attending New York baseball games wearing a Yankees jacket and a Yankees hat.

In the past, if sports fans have wanted to carry their items, they have had to resort to regular shaped backpacks, etc.

Further, there has not been a convenient way to allow local regional advertisers, for example within a particular city, to advertise by providing a highly desirable officially licensed (such as by an international governing sports authority) promotional product to users for free that assists fans in carrying their personal items. Typically local regional advertisers have not had the capability to procure official licensing from national and international sports organizations and governing bodies, etc.

## OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

A primary object and feature of the present invention is to provide an improved sports representation container. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of containing a user's personal effects. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system providing sports-related item representation. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system conveniently carried. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system conveniently attachable to a user. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system providing a convenient attachment between the container and the attacher.

It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of being worn comfortably when attached to a user. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of adjusting such that it fits different size users. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system providing convenient access to personal items within the container. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system providing tensioned access means to personal items within the container.

It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system that is retractable when attached to the leg of a user. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of displaying advertiser indicia. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of displaying a sport governing association's indicia. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of appearing to have the manufacturing indicia of the characterized sports-related item.

It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of displaying indicia on a tab attached to the access portion of the container. It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system capable of displaying indicia on the attacher portions of the system. A further primary object and feature of the present invention is to provide such a system that is efficient, inexpensive, and handy. Other objects and features of this invention will become apparent with reference to the following descriptions.



## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with a preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a container system, having at least one sport representation, for containing items of a user, comprising, in combination: at least one container, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, adapted to containing the items; at least one access to provide access to such at least one interior portion of such at least one container; wherein such at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least one front portion; and wherein such at least one back portion comprises elements structured and arranged to provide (comfortable) wearability along the human form of the user. Moreover, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one strap, attachable to such at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support by the user. Additionally, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one attachment to attach such at least one strap to such at least one container. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one adjuster adapted to adjust the

length of such at least one strap. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one connector structured and arranged to assist in securing such at least one strap to the user. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one three-dimensional representation consists essentially of about one-half of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. Further, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one strap, attachable to such at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support by the user. Even further, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one attachment to attach such at least one strap to such at least one container. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one adjuster adapted to adjust the length of such at least one strap. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one connector structured and arranged to assist in securing such at least one strap to the user. Also, it provides such a container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-half of at least one racing wheel. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-half of at least one hockey-puck. And, it provides such a

container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-half of at least one sports ball. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one football. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one basketball. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one soccer ball. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one tennis-ball. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one baseball. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-half of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-half of at least one volleyball. And, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack.

Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack.

Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack. And, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack.

Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack. And, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one fanny-pack. Even further, it provides such a container system

wherein such container system comprises at least one backpack. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such container system comprises at least one leg-pack. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one three-dimensional representation comprises essentially at least one scaled-size of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one indicia adapted to assist user-recognizable sport representation. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises advertising indicia to assist advertising. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one indicia comprises association indicia representing at least one sports governing association. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one access comprises at least one closure adapted to provide closure of such at least one interior portion of such at least one container. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one closure comprises at least one zipper. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one closure comprises at least one tensioned closure structured and arranged to tensionably close such at least one interior portion.. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one scaled-size is selected from the

group consisting essentially of: at least one adult size; at least one child size; at least one miniature size. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one three-dimensional representation comprises essentially at least one scaled-size of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one scaled-size is selected from the group consisting essentially of: at least one adult size; at least one child size; at least one miniature size. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one indicia to assist user-recognizable sport representation. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one advertising indicia to assist advertising. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one indicia comprises at least one association indicia representing at least one sports governing association. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one indicia to assist user-recognizable sport representation. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one advertising indicia to assist advertising. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one indicia comprises at least one association indicia representing at

least one sports governing association. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one zipper comprises at least one zipper tag.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a container system, having at least one sport representation, for containing items of a user, comprising, in combination: at least one container, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, adapted to containing the items; at least one access opening to provide access to such at least one interior portion of such at least one container; wherein such at least one front portion and such at least one back consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least one front portion; wherein such at least one access opening comprises at least one tensioned opener to provide opening of such at least one interior portion of such at least one container; wherein such at least one tensioned opener comprises at least one tensioned closure structured and arranged to tensionably close such at least one access opening. And, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one strap, attachable to such at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support

by the user. Further, it provides such a container system further comprising at least one attachment to attach such at least one strap to such at least one container. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one connection adapted to assist in securing such at least one strap to the user. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one three-dimensional representation comprises essentially about one-whole of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-whole racing wheel. Also, it provides such a container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-whole hockey puck. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein the at least one chief item consists essentially of about one-whole sports ball. And, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole of at least one football. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole basketball. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole soccer ball. Moreover, it



provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole tennis-ball. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole baseball. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such about one-whole of at least one sports ball consists essentially of about one-whole volleyball. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container is a tote-bag. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one indicia adapted to assist user-recognizable sport representation. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one advertising indicia adapted to assist advertising. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one indicia comprises at least one association

indicia representing at least one sports governing association. Further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one container comprises at least one advertising indicia adapted to assist advertising. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one indicia comprises at least one association indicia representing at least one sports governing association.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a container system, having at least one sport representation, for containing items of a user, comprising, in combination: container means, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; access means for providing access to such at least one interior portion of such container means; wherein such at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least one front portion; and wherein such at least one back portion comprises means for (comfortable) wearability along the human form of the user. Moreover, it provides such a container system further comprising strap means, attachable to such container means, for assisting wearable support by the user. Additionally, it provides such

a container system further comprising attachment means for attaching such strap means to such container means. Also, it provides such a container system wherein such strap means comprises adjuster means for adjusting the length of such strap means. In addition, it provides such a container system wherein such strap means comprises connection means for assisting in securing such strap means to the user. And, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one three-dimensional representation comprises essentially one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. Further, it provides such a container system further comprising strap means, attachable to such container means, for assisting wearable support by the user. Even further, it provides such a container system further comprising attachment means for attaching such strap means to such container means. Moreover, it provides such a container system wherein such strap means comprises adjuster means for adjusting the length of such strap means. Additionally, it provides such a container system wherein such strap means comprises connection means for assisting in securing such strap means to the user.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a method of marketing a plurality of container systems for containing items of a user, each such container system comprising at least one container comprising

at least one front portion and at least one back portion,  
access means for providing access to such at least one  
interior portion of such container means, wherein such at  
least one front portion consists essentially of at least one  
three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at  
least one chief item used in performing at least one sport,  
wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least  
one front portion, and wherein such at least one back portion  
comprises means for assisting wearability adjacent the user's  
body, and strap means, attachable to such container means, for  
assisting wearable support by the user, comprising, in  
combination, the steps of: specifying at least one design for  
at least one container system; securing at least one order  
from at least one advertiser, having at least one marketing  
indicia, for such at least one container system; specifying at  
least one location, on such at least one container system, for  
placement of such at least one marketing indicia ; providing  
for delivery of such at least one container system to at least  
one destination provided by such at least one advertiser.  
receiving from the at least one advertiser at least one  
payment for the at least one indicia displaying container  
system delivered to the at least one advertiser; and paying  
the at least one manufacturer for the shipped at least one  
indicia displaying container system. Also, it provides such a  
method further comprising the steps of: obtaining at least one

license from at least one sports indicia owner in respect to at least one sports indicia related to such at least one chief item used in performing such at least one sport; and placing such at least one sports indicia on such at least one container system. In addition, it provides such a method wherein such at least one sports indicia owner comprises at least one of the group consisting essentially of: sport governing associations; advertisers; manufacturers; teams; players; racers; sport participants; and crews. And, it provides such a method wherein such placing step comprises the steps of: placing such at least one sports indicia on at least one of the group consisting essentially of, fanny packs; backpacks; leg packs; and tote bags. Further, it provides such a method wherein such placing step comprises the steps of: placing such at least one sports indicia on at least one of the group consisting essentially of, containers; straps; and zipper tags. Even further, it provides such a method wherein such placing step further comprises the steps of: placing such at least one sports indicia on at least one of the group consisting essentially of, fanny packs; backpacks; leg packs; and tote bags.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a method of marketing a plurality of container systems for containing items of a user, each such container system comprising at least one container comprising

at least one front portion and at least one back portion, access means for providing access to such at least one interior portion of such container means, wherein such at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport, wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least one front portion, and wherein such at least one back portion comprises means for assisting wearability adjacent the user's body, and strap means, attachable to such container means, for assisting wearable support by the user, comprising, in combination, the steps of: obtaining at least one license from at least one sports indicia owner in respect to at least one sports indicia related to such at least one chief item used in performing such at least one sport; placing such at least one sports indicia on such at least one container system; and placing at least one marketing indicia of at least one advertiser on such at least one container system; the method further comprising the steps of: selling such at least one container system to such advertiser. Even further, it provides such a method further comprising the steps of: providing such at least one container system to at least one end user for free. Even further, it provides such a method wherein such sports indicia owner is an international governing organization for at least one sport. Even further,

it provides such a method wherein: such at least one advertiser has a substantially local regional market. Even further, it provides such a method wherein such substantially local regional market is primarily within one state. Even further, it provides such a method wherein at least one such advertiser comprises a radio station.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a container system, for containing items of a user adjacent a leg of the user, comprising, in combination: at least one container, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; at least one access to provide access to such at least one interior portion of such at least one container; at least one leg support, attachable to such at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support adjacent the leg; at least one first attachment to attach such at least one leg support to such at least one container; wherein such at least one leg support comprises at least one first connector structured and arranged to assisting in securing such at least one leg support to the user; wherein such at least one back portion encloses such at least one front portion; wherein such at least one back portion comprises at least one wearability element to assist wearability along the human form of the user. Even further,

it provides such a container system comprising: at least one waist support, attachable to such at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support adjacent the leg; at least one second attachment to attach such at least one waist support to such at least one container; wherein such at least one waist support comprises at least one second connector adapted to assist in securing such at least one waist support to the user's waist. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one waist support comprises at least one tensioner adapted to maintaining tension between such at least one waist support and such at least one container. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one leg support comprises at least one strap adapted to strap such at least one container to the leg. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises at least one strap adjuster adapted to adjust the length of such at least one strap. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one strap comprises such at least one first connector. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; and such at least one three-dimensional representation comprises essentially



one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one access comprises a zipper. Even further, it provides such a container system wherein such at least one tensioner comprises at least one retractable cord structured and arranged to maintain tension between such at least one waist support and such at least one container.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1a is a perspective view of a football fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 1b is a front view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 1c is a back view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 1d is a top view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 1e is a side view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 2a is a perspective view of a basketball fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2b is a front view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a.

FIG. 2c is a back view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a.

FIG. 2d is a top view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a.

FIG. 2e is a side view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a.

FIG. 3a is a perspective view of a soccerball fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred

embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3b is a front view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 3c is a back view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 3d is a top view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 3e is a side view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a.

FIG. 4a is a perspective view of a racing wheel fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4b is a front view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a.

FIG. 4c is a back view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a.

FIG. 4d is a top view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a.

FIG. 4e is a side view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a.

FIG. 5a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 5b is a front view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a.

FIG. 5c is a back view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a.

FIG. 5d is a top view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a.

FIG. 5e is a side view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a.

FIG. 6a is a perspective view of a tennis ball fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 6b is a front view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a.

FIG. 6c is a back view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a.

FIG. 6d is a top view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a.

FIG. 6e is a side view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a.

FIG. 7a is a perspective view of a baseball fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7b is a front view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a.

FIG. 7c is a back view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a.

FIG. 7d is a top view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG.

7a.

FIG. 7e is a side view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG.

7a.

FIG. 8a is a perspective view of a volleyball fanny pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 8b is a front view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a.

FIG. 8c is a back view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a.

FIG. 8d is a top view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a.

FIG. 8e is a side view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a.

FIG. 9a is a perspective view of a football backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 9b is a front view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a.

FIG. 9c is a back view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a.

FIG. 9d is a top view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a.

FIG. 9e is a side view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a.

FIG. 10a is a perspective view of a basketball backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 10b is a front view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a.

FIG. 10c is a back view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a.

FIG. 10d is a top view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a.

FIG. 10e is a side view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a.

FIG. 11a is a perspective view of a soccerball backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 11b is a front view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a.

FIG. 11c is a back view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a.

FIG. 11d is a top view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a.

FIG. 11e is a side view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a.

FIG. 12a is a perspective view of a racing wheel backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 12b is a front view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a.

FIG. 12c is a back view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a.

FIG. 12d is a top view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a.

FIG. 12e is a side view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a.

FIG. 13a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 13b is a front view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a.

FIG. 13c is a back view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a.

FIG. 13d is a top view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a.

FIG. 13e is a side view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a.

FIG. 14a is a perspective view of a tennis ball backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 14b is a front view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a.

FIG. 14c is a back view of the tennis ball backpack of

FIG. 14a.

FIG. 14d is a top view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a.

FIG. 14e is a side view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a.

FIG. 15a is a perspective view of a baseball backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 15b is a front view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a.

FIG. 15c is a back view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a.

FIG. 15d is a top view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a.

FIG. 15e is a side view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a.

FIG. 16a is a perspective view of a volleyball backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 16b is a front view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a.

FIG. 16c is a back view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a.

FIG. 16d is a top view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a.



FIG. 16e is a side view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of a leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 18a is a perspective view of a football leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 18b is a front view of the football leg-pack of FIG. 18a.

FIG. 18c is a back view of the football leg-pack of FIG. 18a.

FIG. 18d is a top view of the football leg-pack of FIG. 18a.

FIG. 18e is a side view of the football leg-pack of FIG. 18a.

FIG. 19a is a perspective view of a basketball leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 19b is a front view of the basketball leg-pack of FIG. 19a.

FIG. 19c is a back view of the basketball leg-pack of FIG. 19a.

FIG. 19d is a top view of the basketball leg-pack of FIG. 19a.

FIG. 19e is a side view of the basketball leg-pack of FIG. 19a.

FIG. 20a is a perspective view of a soccerball leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 20b is a front view of the soccerball leg-pack of FIG. 20a.

FIG. 20c is a back view of the soccerball leg-pack of FIG. 20a.

FIG. 20d is a top view of the soccerball leg-pack of FIG. 20a.

FIG. 20e is a side view of the soccerball leg-pack of FIG. 20a.

FIG. 21a is a perspective view of a racing wheel leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 21b is a front view of the racing wheel leg-pack of FIG. 21a.

FIG. 21c is a back view of the racing wheel leg-pack of FIG. 21a.

FIG. 21d is a top view of the racing wheel leg-pack of FIG. 21a.

FIG. 21e is a side view of the racing wheel leg-pack of FIG. 21a.

FIG. 22a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck leg-pack

backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 22b is a front view of the hockey-puck leg-pack of FIG. 22a.

FIG. 22c is a back view of the hockey-puck leg-pack of FIG. 22a.

FIG. 22d is a top view of the hockey-puck leg-pack of FIG. 22a.

FIG. 22e is a side view of the hockey-puck leg-pack of FIG. 22a.

FIG. 23a is a perspective view of a tennis ball leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 23b is a front view of the tennis ball leg-pack of FIG. 23a.

FIG. 23c is a back view of the tennis ball leg-pack of FIG. 23a.

FIG. 23d is a top view of the tennis ball leg-pack of FIG. 23a.

FIG. 23e is a side view of the tennis ball leg-pack of FIG. 23a.

FIG. 24a is a perspective view of a baseball leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 24b is a front view of the baseball leg-pack of FIG.

24a.

FIG. 24c is a back view of the baseball leg-pack of FIG.

24a.

FIG. 24d is a top view of the baseball leg-pack of FIG.

24a.

FIG. 24e is a side view of the baseball leg-pack of FIG.

24a.

FIG. 25a is a perspective view of a volleyball leg-pack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 25b is a front view of the volleyball leg-pack of FIG. 25a.

FIG. 25c is a back view of the volleyball leg-pack of FIG. 25a.

FIG. 25d is a top view of the volleyball leg-pack of FIG. 25a.

FIG. 25e is a side view of the volleyball leg-pack of FIG. 25a.

FIG. 26a is a perspective view of a football tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 26b is a front view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a.

FIG. 26c is a back view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a.

FIG. 26d is a top view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a.

FIG. 26e is a side view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a.

FIG. 27a is a perspective view of a basketball tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 27b is a front view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 27a.

FIG. 27c is a back view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 27a.

FIG. 27d is a top view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 27a.

FIG. 27e is a side view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 27a.

FIG. 28a is a perspective view of a soccerball tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 28b is a front view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 28a.

FIG. 28c is a back view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 28a.

FIG. 28d is a top view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 28a.

FIG. 28e is a side view of the soccerball tote bag of

FIG. 28a.

FIG. 29a is a perspective view of a racing wheel tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 29b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 29a.

FIG. 29c is a back view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 29a.

FIG. 29d is a top view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 29a.

FIG. 29e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 29a.

FIG. 30a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck tote bag, having detachable handles, backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 30b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 30a.

FIG. 30c is a back view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 30a.

FIG. 30d is a top view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 30a.

FIG. 30e is a side view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 30a.

FIG. 31a is a perspective view of a tennis ball tote bag,

having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 31b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 31a.

FIG. 31c is a back view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 31a.

FIG. 31d is a top view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 31a.

FIG. 31e is a side view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 31a.

FIG. 32a is a perspective view of a baseball tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 32b is a front view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 32a.

FIG. 32c is a back view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 32a.

FIG. 32d is a top view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 32a.

FIG. 32e is a side view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 32a.

FIG. 33a is a perspective view of a volleyball tote bag, having detachable handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 33b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag of

FIG. 33a.

FIG. 33c is a back view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 33a.

FIG. 33d is a top view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 33a.

FIG. 33e is a side view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 33a.

FIG. 34a is a perspective view of a football tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 34b is a front view of the football tote bag of FIG. 34a.

FIG. 34c is a back view of the football tote bag of FIG. 34a.

FIG. 34d is a top view of the football tote bag of FIG. 34a.

FIG. 34e is a side view of the football tote bag of FIG. 34a.

FIG. 35a is a perspective view of a basketball tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 35b is a front view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 35a.

FIG. 35c is a back view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 35a.



FIG. 35d is a top view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 35a.

FIG. 35e is a side view of the basketball tote bag of FIG. 35a.

FIG. 36a is a perspective view of a soccerball tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 36b is a front view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 36a.

FIG. 36c is a back view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 36a.

FIG. 36d is a top view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 36a.

FIG. 36e is a side view of the soccerball tote bag of FIG. 36a.

FIG. 37a is a perspective view of a racing wheel tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 37b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 37a.

FIG. 37c is a back view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 37a.

FIG. 37d is a top view of the racing wheel tote bag of FIG. 37a.

FIG. 37e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag of

FIG. 37a.

FIG. 38a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck tote bag, having attached handles, backpack of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 38b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 38a.

FIG. 38c is a back view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 38a.

FIG. 38d is a top view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 38a.

FIG. 38e is a side view of the hockey-puck tote bag of FIG. 38a.

FIG. 39a is a perspective view of a tennis ball tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 39b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 39a.

FIG. 39c is a back view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 39a.

FIG. 39d is a top view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 39a.

FIG. 39e is a side view of the tennis ball tote bag of FIG. 39a.

FIG. 40a is a perspective view of a baseball tote bag,

having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 40b is a front view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 40a.

FIG. 40c is a back view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 40a.

FIG. 40d is a top view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 40a.

FIG. 40e is a side view of the baseball tote bag of FIG. 32a.

FIG. 41a is a perspective view of a volleyball tote bag, having attached handles, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 41b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 41a.

FIG. 41c is a back view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 41a.

FIG. 41d is a top view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 41a.

FIG. 41e is a side view of the volleyball tote bag of FIG. 41a.

FIG. 42a is a perspective view illustrating the tote-bag closure of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 42b is a perspective view illustrating the tote-bag

closure of the sports container system according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 43 is a diagrammatic view of a system and method for selling at least one container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF

### A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

Preferably, the sports container system **1000** comprises fanny pack sports containers system **100**, backpack sports container system **200**, leg pack sports container system **300**, tote bag sports container systems **400** and **400\***, and container system and method **600**.

FIG. 1a is a perspective view of a football fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, container **102** comprises a front portion **112**, as shown in FIG. 1a, and a back portion **114**, as shown in FIG. 1c, respectively. Preferably, container **102** also comprises non-visible interior portion (not shown) and exterior portion **199** (embodying herein container means, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; and embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion encloses said at least one front portion). Preferably, container **102** comprises at least one accessor **106** (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, accessor **106** comprises a zipper and zipper handle **109**, as shown in FIG. 1a. Preferably, zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **109**, as shown in FIG. 1a (zipper tag **950** may not

be shown in other sports container system figures, for simplicity purposes). Preferably, zipper tag **950** is detachable, preferably a detachable keychain, as shown in FIG. 1a. Preferably, container **102** comprises at least one strap **104**, preferably two, as shown, which facilitates attaching container **102** to a user (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user).

Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a sports related item ,or simulation thereof, (embodying herein wherein said at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; and embodying herein essentially one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, container **102** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the portion represented, projecting away from the user, is the most detailed portion of the sports item represented. For example, a football related sports item, such as the football itself, would preferably comprise a portion of a football, with a size relative to the size of the user, shaped identical to a football, made of a material which looks like leather,

brown in color, with a dimpled texture (as shown), having about eight white laces in parallel (as shown), where container **102** is horizontally and vertically symmetric to the user (as shown), with football related indicia (such as "NFL"), and a manufacturer emblem (such as Wilson™). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, a vertical representation rather than the horizontal representation shown in FIG. 1b (capable of holding beverages), non-brown colors, non-dimpled, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about half its actual size. For example, utilizing almost the entire portion of a hockey puck, basketball hoop, or racing wheel, or some other non-half portion of the sports related item, may suffice. Furthermore, various container **102** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific

colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, about a half portion of a football is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a football representation **191** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Football League (NFL) footballs are made, preferably leather, preferably cowhide leather. Preferably, the football representation **191** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NFL footballs (for example, brown leather and white lacing). Preferably, the football representation **191** is textured similarly to the dimpled or "pebbled" texture of an official NFL football. Preferably, the football representation **191** comprises seams **180** that appear similar to the seams of an official NFL football, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with brown threading. Preferably, the football representation **191** comprises lacing **181**, preferably white lacing, and seams **180** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official NFL football, as shown. Preferably, other football marks and lines, such as lacing line **179**, are painted on, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, football manufacturer's preference, etc., other football



representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 1b is a front view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise football related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NFL indicia, consistent with other football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Canadian Football League (CFL), Arena Football League (AFL), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "raise the roof", Wilson, Nike, Reebok, Coke, EA Sports, Outback Steakhouse, Tostitos, Nokia, FedEx, Marshall Faulk, Michael Vick, Eddie George, Oakland Raiders, Ohio State Buckeyes, Arizona Rattlers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, football representation **191** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching football representation **191** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of

container 102, to strap 104 (embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means). Preferably, attacher 105 is a stitching arrangement, such that strap 104 is stitched to football representation 191 (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 1c is a back view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, back portion 114 is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 1c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that football representation 191 is in front. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that football representation 191 is in back. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that football representation 191 is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion 114 comprises an

inexpensive, non-aggravating material (embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion comprises means for (comfortable) wearability along the human form of the user).

Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120**, as discussed below (embodying herein connection means for assisting in securing said strap means to the user; and embodying herein adjuster means for adjusting the length of said strap means). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **104**. Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost,

manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 1d is a top view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of football representation **191**, as shown, such that items stored within the interior portion of football representation **191** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, football representation **191** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, football representation **191** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside football

representation **191** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within football representation **191**.

FIG. 1e is a side view of the football fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a football related item. Preferably, football representation **191** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual football (embodying herein wherein said at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; and embodying herein essentially one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, only a non-full (partial) portion of the football is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and still provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion football.

Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is about a half portion of a football, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 1e. Preferably, football representation **191** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the football representation **191** user, as shown in FIG. 1a and FIG. 1b. Preferably, the portion of the football used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 1a and FIG.

1b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other football representation **191** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 2a is a perspective view of a basketball fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a half portion of a basketball is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a basketball representation **192** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Basketball Association (NBA) basketballs are made, preferably leather. Preferably, the basketball representation **192** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NBA basketballs (for example, brownish-orange leather and black seams). Preferably, the basketball representation **192** is textured similarly to the dimpled or pebbled texture of an official NBA basketball. Preferably, the basketball representation **192** comprises seams **182** that appear similar, in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official NBA basketball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with black threading and sealed with black rubber. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that,

under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, basketball manufacturer's preference, etc., other basketball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 2b is a front view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a. Preferably, basketball representation **192** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching basketball representation **192** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of basketball representation **192**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that strap **104** is stitched to basketball representation **192** (embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise basketball

related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NBA indicia, consistent with other basketball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "Phi-Slamma-Jamma", Nike, Reebok, Converse, Sprite, Gatorade, McDonalds, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Los Angeles Lakers, Duke Blue devils, Houston Comets, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 2c is a back view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a. Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown,



for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap 104. Preferably, adjuster 120 is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap 104, pulling strap 104 along itself using connector 107 as a wrap around. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, back portion 114 is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 2c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that basketball representation 192 is in front. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that basketball representation 192 is in back. A substantially flat back portion 114 provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that basketball representation 192 is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion 114 comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

FIG. 2d is a top view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a. Preferably, basketball representation 192 can be

used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, basketball representation **192** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside basketball representation **192** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within basketball representation **192**.

Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of basketball representation **192**, as shown, such that items stored within basketball representation **192** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 2e is a side view of the basketball fanny pack of FIG. 2a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a basketball related item. Preferably,

basketball representation **192** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual basketball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the basketball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion basketball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a basketball, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 2e. Preferably, basketball representation **192** is arranged so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 2a and FIG. 2b. Preferably, the portion of the basketball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 2a and FIG. 2b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other basketball representation **192** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 3a is a perspective view of a soccerball fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a half portion of a soccerball is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a soccerball

representation **193** is made of material similar to the material from which official Federal International Football (referred to as soccer in the US) Association (FIFA) soccerballs are made, preferably leather or synthetic leather. Preferably, the soccerball representation **193** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIFA soccerballs (for example, white leather optionally comprising colorful abstract or geometric shapes). Preferably, the soccerball representation **193** is textured similarly to the slick and glossy texture of an official FIFA soccerball. Preferably, the soccerball representation **193** comprises stitched seams **170** that appear similar to the seams of an official FIFA soccerball, as shown, preferably stitched with small white threading. Preferably, the soccerball representation **193** comprises stitched seams **170** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official FIFA soccerball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, soccerball manufacturer's preference, etc., other soccerball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 3b is a front view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container

indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** (as shown in FIG. 1A) comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise soccer related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIFA indicia, consistent with other soccer and International football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Major League Soccer (MLS), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "GOOOOOOAAAAAL...", Umbro, Adidas, Mizuno, Nike, Coke, Gatorade, IBM, Renaldo, David Beckham, Mia Hamm, Team USA Soccer, San Jose Earthquakes, North Carolina Tarheels, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, soccerball representation **193** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching soccerball representation **193** to a user (not shown). Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of soccerball representation **193**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that

strap **104** is stitched to soccerball representation **193**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 3c is a back view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 3a. Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 3c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that soccerball representation **193** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that soccerball representation **193** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that soccerball representation **193** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **104**. Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 3d is a top view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of soccerball representation **193**, as shown, such that items stored within soccerball representation **193** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is

located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, soccerball representation **193** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, soccerball representation **193** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside soccerball representation **193** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within soccerball representation **193**.

FIG. 3e is a side view of the soccerball fanny pack of FIG. 1a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a soccerball related item. Preferably, soccer ball representation **193** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual soccer ball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the soccerball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item



containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion soccerball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a soccerball, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 3e. Preferably, soccerball representation **193** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 3a and FIG. 3b. Preferably, the portion of the soccerball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 3a and FIG. 3b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other soccerball representation **193** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 4a is a perspective view of a racing wheel fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a greater than half portion of a racing wheel is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a racing wheel representation **194** is made of material similar to the material from which official NASCAR racing wheels are made, preferably a rubber-like material, preferably treadless. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **194**

comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official racing wheels (for example, black rubber, and black or chrome rims). Preferably, the racing wheel representation **194** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NASCAR racing wheel.

Preferably, the racing wheel representation **194** comprises tire body **156**, preferably smooth, and tire surface **150**, preferably treadless, as shown in FIG. 4a, similar to the surface of NASCAR racing wheels. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **194** comprises rims **155** that are similar in pattern and appearance to official NASCAR racing wheels, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 4b is a front view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a. Preferably, racing wheel representation **194** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching racing wheel representation **194** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of racing wheel representation **194**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement,

such that strap **104** is stitched to racing wheel representation **194**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise racing related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NASCAR indicia, consistent with other racing associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, racers, and racing crews, such as Formula One, Monster Truck Racing Association (MTRA), National Hotrod Racing Association (NHRA), American Motorcycle Racing Association (AMRA), the phrase "rubbin's racin'", Goodyear, Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Rusty

Wallace, Pennzoil, Penske, Budweiser, Molson, 7-up, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 4c is a back view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a. Preferably, strap **104** comprises seatbelt strap material **189**, such as to resemble an automobile seat belt. Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **187** that fits into clasp portion **188**, resembling an automobile seat belt, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, clasp portion **187** comprises a loop for providing adjustability of strap **104**, as shown in FIG. 4c and FIG. 4d. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 4c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of

use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that racing wheel representation **194** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that racing wheel representation **194** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that racing wheel representation **194** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

FIG. 4d is a top view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a. Preferably, racing wheel representation **194** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, racing wheel representation **194** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside racing wheel representation **194** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within racing wheel representation **194**.

Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of racing wheel representation **194**, as shown, such that items stored within racing wheel representation **194** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located

between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 4e is a side view of the racing wheel fanny pack of FIG. 4a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a racing related item, preferably a racing wheel. Preferably, racing wheel representation **194** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of a racing wheel. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the racing wheel is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion racing wheel. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a racing wheel, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 4e. Preferably, racing wheel representation **194** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 4a and FIG. 4b. Preferably, the portion of the racing

wheel used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 4a and FIG. 4b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other racing wheel representation **194** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 5a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a greater than half portion of a hockey puck is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a hockey puck representation **195** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Hockey League (NHL) hockey pucks are made, preferably rubber, preferably hard rubber. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **195** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official hockey pucks (for example, black rubber, with multicolor indicia). Preferably, the hockey puck representation **195** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NHL hockey puck, with optional dimpling in locations where additional stick and ice gripping may be desired.

Preferably, the hockey puck representation **195** comprises a puck body **160**, preferably smooth black rubber, with a

circular indicia region **161**, as shown in FIG. 5a, similar to the surface of NHL hockey pucks. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **195** comprises an indicia region **161** similar in pattern and appearance to official NHL hockey pucks. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, puck manufacturer's preference, etc., other hockey puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 5b is a front view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise hockey related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NHL indicia, consistent with other hockey associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers,



players, and teams, such as the International Hockey League (IHL), Western Hockey League (WHL), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the phrase "the coolest game on earth", the phrase "Jesus saves; Gretzky rebounds and scores", CCM, Nike, Budweiser, Pizza Hut, Mario Lemieux, Dominik Hasek, Detroit Redwings, Michigan Wolverines, Spokane Chief, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, hockey puck representation **195** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching hockey puck representation **195** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of hockey puck representation **195**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that strap **104** is stitched to hockey puck representation **195**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 5c is a back view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a. Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 5c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is

attached such that hockey puck representation **195** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that hockey puck representation **195** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that hockey puck representation **195** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **104**. Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 5d is a top view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a. Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of hockey puck representation **195**, as shown, such that items stored within hockey puck representation **195** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, hockey puck representation **195** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, hockey puck

representation **195** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside hockey puck representation **195** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within hockey puck representation **195**.

FIG. 5e is a side view of the hockey-puck fanny pack of FIG. 5a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a hockey related item. Preferably, hockey representation **195** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual hockey puck. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the hockey puck is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion hockey puck. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a hockey puck, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 5e. Preferably, hockey puck representation **195** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 5a and FIG. 5b. Preferably, the portion of the hockey puck used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 5a and FIG. 5b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other hockey puck representation **195** configurations, such as non-symmetric

portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 6a is a perspective view of a tennis ball fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a half portion of a tennis ball is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a tennis ball representation **196** is made of material similar to the material from which official United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis balls are made, preferably felt. Preferably, the tennis ball representation **196** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official USTA tennis balls (for example, yellow felt). Preferably, the tennis ball representation **196** is textured similarly to furry felt texture of an official USTA tennis ball. Preferably, the tennis ball representation **196** comprises seams **162** and tennis ball surface **163**, preferably yellow felt, appearing similar in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official USTA tennis ball, as shown, preferably a white rubber seal. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, tennis ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other tennis ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 6b is a front view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a. Preferably, tennis ball representation **196** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching tennis ball representation **196** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of tennis ball representation **196**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that strap **104** is stitched to tennis ball representation **196**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise tennis related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business

benefits, etc., other non-USTA indicia, consistent with other tennis ball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, and players, such as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Canadian tennis Association (CTA), , Nike, Reebok, Wilson, Prince, Gatorade, Dunlop, Slazenger, Andre Agassi, Anna Kournikova, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 6c is a back view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a. Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **104**. Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under

appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 6c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that tennis ball representation **196** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that tennis ball representation **196** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that tennis ball representation **196** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

FIG. 6d is a top view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a. Preferably, tennis ball representation **196** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tennis ball representation **196** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside tennis ball representation **196** (not shown), to assist a user



in organizing and arranging objects within tennis ball representation **196**.

Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of tennis ball representation **196**, as shown, such that items stored within tennis ball representation **196** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 6e is a side view of the tennis ball fanny pack of FIG. 6a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a tennis related item. Preferably, tennis ball representation **196** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual tennis ball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the tennis ball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion tennis ball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half

portion of a tennis ball, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 6e. Preferably, tennis ball representation **196** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 6a and FIG. 6b. Preferably, the portion of the tennis ball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 6a and FIG. 6b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tennis ball representation **196** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 7a is a perspective view of a baseball fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Such perspective view in FIG. 7a is also representative of a preferred embodiment of a softball fanny pack, but will be discussed, for simplicity, in the context of a baseball fanny pack, as softballs generally appear to be larger scale versions of baseballs. Preferably, about a half portion of a baseball is the sports item represented by container **102**.

Preferably, as shown, a baseball representation **197** is made of material similar to the material from which official Major League Baseball (MLB) baseballs are made, preferably leather, preferably rawhide leather. Preferably, the baseball

representation **197** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official MLB baseballs (for example, white leather and red stitching). Preferably, the baseball representation **197** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official MLB baseball. Preferably, the baseball representation **197** comprises stitches **166**, preferably red thread, and baseball surface **165**, preferably white leather, that appears similar to an official MLB baseball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, baseball manufacturer's preference, etc., other baseball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 7b is a front view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise baseball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now

understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-MLB indicia, consistent with other baseball and softball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), International Baseball Association (IBA), National Softball Association (NSA), Little League Baseball, the phrase "Holy Cow", Mizuno, Nike, Reebok, Rawlings, Randy Johnson, Barry Bonds, Lisa Fernandez, New York Yankees, Rice Owls, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, baseball representation **197** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching baseball representation **197** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of baseball representation **197**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that strap **104** is stitched to baseball representation **197**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 7c is a back view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a. Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as

shown in FIG. 7c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that baseball representation **197** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that baseball representation **197** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that baseball representation **197** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap

**104.** Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 7d is a top view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a. Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of baseball representation **197**, as shown, such that items stored within baseball representation **197** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, baseball representation **197** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys,

papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, baseball representation **197** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside baseball representation **197** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within baseball representation **197**.

FIG. 7e is a side view of the baseball fanny pack of FIG. 7a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a baseball related item. Preferably, baseball representation **197** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual baseball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the baseball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion baseball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a baseball, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 7e. Preferably, baseball representation **197** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 7a and FIG. 7b. Preferably, the portion of the baseball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 7a and FIG. 7b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market

demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other baseball representation **197** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 8a is a perspective view of a volleyball fanny pack of the sports container system **100** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a half portion of a volleyball is the sports item represented by container **102**. Preferably, as shown, a volleyball representation **198** is made of material similar to the material from which official Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) volleyballs are made, preferably leather, preferably white leather. Preferably, the volleyball representation **198** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIVB volleyballs (for example, white leather and black seams). Preferably, the volleyball representation **198** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official FIVB volleyball. Preferably, the volleyball representation **198** comprises seams **168** and volleyball surface **167**, preferably white leather, which appears similar to an official FIVB volleyball, as shown in FIG. 8a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, volleyball manufacturer's preference, etc., other volleyball representations, such as softballs, plastic material,



different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 8b is a front view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a. Preferably, volleyball representation **198** comprises at least one strap **104**, as shown, which facilitates attaching volleyball representation **198** to a user. Preferably, strap **104** comprises attacher **105**, which provides for attachment of volleyball representation **198**, to strap **104**. Preferably, attacher **105** is a stitching arrangement, such that strap **104** is stitched to volleyball representation **198**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **112** comprises container indicia **108**. Preferably, strap **104** comprises strap indicia **110**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **108** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise volleyball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now

understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIVB indicia, consistent with other volleyball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Volleyball, Pro Beach Volleyball, Tachikara, Baden, Molten, Mazda, Southwest Airlines, Karch Kiraly, Misty May, UCLA Bruins, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 8c is a back view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a. Preferably, strap **104** comprises a connector **107**. Preferably, connector **107** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **104** comprises clasp portion **116** which fits into clasp portion **118**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **116** comprises a loop for assisting adjuster **120** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **104** comprises adjuster **120**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **104**. Preferably, adjuster **120** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **104**, pulling strap **104** along itself using connector **107** as a wrap around.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, back portion **114** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 8c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the belly of the user, if the pack is attached such that volleyball representation **198** is in front. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the lower back of the user, if the pack is attached such that volleyball representation **198** is in back. A substantially flat back portion **114** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user, if the pack is attached such that volleyball representation **198** is off to one side of the user. Preferably, back portion **114** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

FIG. 8d is a top view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a. Preferably, volleyball representation **198** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, volleyball representation **198** has pockets,

dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside volleyball representation **198** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within volleyball representation **198**.

Preferably, accessor **106** is located at the top of volleyball representation **198**, as shown, such that items stored within volleyball representation **198** do not fall out when accessor **106** is opened. Preferably, accessor **106** is located between the front portion **112** and the back portion **114**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **106** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **109**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **106**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 8e is a side view of the volleyball fanny pack of FIG. 8a. Preferably, front portion **112** comprises a representation of a volleyball related item. Preferably, volleyball representation **198** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual volleyball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the volleyball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item

containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **114**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion volleyball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a volleyball, projecting away from the plane of straps **104**, as shown in FIG. 8e. Preferably, volleyball representation **198** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **100** user (not shown), as shown in FIG. 8a and FIG. 8b. Preferably, the portion of the volleyball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 8a and FIG. 8b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other volleyball representation **198** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 9a is a perspective view of a football backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, container **202** comprises a front portion **212**, as shown in FIG. 9a, a back portion **214**, as shown in FIG. 9c, and a back portion seam **215**, as shown in FIG. 9c, respectively. Preferably, container **202** also comprises non-visible interior portion (not shown) and exterior portion (embodying herein container means, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at

least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; and embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion encloses said at least one front portion). Preferably, container **202** comprises at least one accessor **206**, as shown in FIG. 9a (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, accessor **206** comprises a zipper and zipper handle **209**, as shown in FIG. 9a. Preferably, zipper handle **209** comprises zipper tag **950** (not shown, see FIG. 1A). Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952**. Preferably, container **202** comprises at least one strap **204**, which facilitates attaching container **202** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** are symmetrically attached to the top and bottom of container **202**, as best shown in FIG. 9a and FIG. 9c. Preferably, container **202** comprises small strap **211**, attached at the very top of container **202**, as shown in FIG. 9a, for purposes of hanging or holding without using straps **204**. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205** (discussed below and shown in FIG. 9c) (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user; and embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means).

Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a sports related item (embodying herein wherein said at

least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, container **202** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the portion represented, projecting away from the user, is the most detailed portion of the sports item represented. For example, a football related sports item, such as the football itself, would preferably comprise a portion of a football, with a size relative to the size of the user, shaped identical to a football (as shown), made of a material which looks like leather, brown in color, with a dimpled texture (as shown), having about eight white laces in parallel (as shown), where container **202** is horizontally and vertically symmetric to the user (as shown), with football related indicia (such as "NFL"), and a manufacturer emblem (such as Wilson™). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, a vertical representation rather than the horizontal representation shown in FIG. 9b (capable of holding beverages), non-brown colors, non-dimpled, non-symmetric,

abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about half its actual size. For example, utilizing almost the entire portion of a hockey puck, basketball hoop, or racing wheel, or some other non-half portion of the sports related item, may suffice. Furthermore, various container **202** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, about a three quarters portion of a football is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a football representation **291** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Football League (NFL) footballs are made, preferably leather, preferably cowhide leather. Preferably, the football representation **291** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NFL footballs (for example, brown leather and white lacing). Preferably, the football representation **291** is textured similarly to the dimpled or "pebbled" texture of an official NFL football. Preferably,



the football representation **291** comprises seams **280** that appear similar to the seams of an official NFL football, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with brown threading. Preferably, the football representation **291** comprises lacing **281** and seams **280** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official NFL football, as shown. Preferably, other football marks and lines, such as lacing line **279**, are painted on, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, football manufacturer's preference, etc., other football representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 9b is a front view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, straps **204** comprise strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise football related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NFL indicia, consistent with other football associations,

manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Canadian Football League (CFL), Arena Football League (AFL), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "raise the roof", Wilson, Nike, Reebok, Coke, EA Sports, Outback Steakhouse, Tostitos, Nokia, FedEx, Marshall Faulk, Michael Vick, Eddie George, Oakland Raiders, Ohio State Buckeyes, Arizona Rattlers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, football representation **291** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching football representation **291** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of football representation **291**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 9c and FIG. 9d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to football representation **291** (embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 9c is a back view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as

shown in FIG. 9c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that football representation **291** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises back portion seam **215** (embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion comprises means for (comfortable) wearability along the human form of the user).

Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204** (embodying herein adjuster means for adjusting the length of said strap means). Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 9d is a top view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of football representation **291**, as shown, such that items stored within the interior of football representation **291** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, football representation **291** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, football representation **291** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within football representation **291**.

FIG. 9e is a side view of the football backpack of FIG. 9a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation

of a football related item. Preferably, football representation **291** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual football (embodying herein wherein said at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, only a non-full portion of the football is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion football. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about three-quarters portion of a football, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 9e. Preferably, football representation **291** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 9a and FIG. 9b. Preferably, the portion of the football used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 9a and FIG. 9b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other football representation **291** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 10a is a perspective view of a basketball backpack

of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a three-quarters portion of a basketball is the sports item represented by container **202**, as shown. Preferably, as shown, a basketball representation **292** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Basketball Association (NBA) basketballs are made, preferably leather. Preferably, the basketball representation **292** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NBA basketballs (for example, brownish-orange leather and black seams). Preferably, the basketball representation **292** is textured similarly to the dimpled or pebbled texture of an official NBA basketball. Preferably, the basketball representation **292** comprises seams **282** that appear similar, in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official NBA basketball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with black threading and sealed with black rubber. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, basketball manufacturer's preference, etc., other basketball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 10b is a front view of the basketball backpack of

FIG. 10a. Preferably, basketball representation **292** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching basketball representation **292** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of basketball representation **292**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 10c and FIG. 10d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to basketball representation **292**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise basketball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NBA indicia, consistent with other basketball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such

as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "Phi-Slamma-Jamma", Nike, Reebok, Converse, Sprite, Gatorade, McDonalds, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Los Angeles Lakers, Duke Blue devils, Houston Comets, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 10c is a back view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 10c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that basketball representation **292** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material.

Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**. Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate



circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 10d is a top view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of basketball representation **292**, as shown, such that items stored within basketball representation **292** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, basketball representation **292** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, basketball representation **292** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging

objects within basketball representation **292**.

FIG. 10e is a side view of the basketball backpack of FIG. 10a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a basketball related item. Preferably, basketball representation **292** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual basketball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the basketball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion basketball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about three-quarters portion of a basketball, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 10e. Preferably, basketball representation **292** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 9a and FIG. 9b. Preferably, the portion of the basketball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 10a and FIG. 10b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other basketball representation **292** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 11a is a perspective view of a soccerball backpack

of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a three-quarters portion of a soccerball is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a soccerball representation **293** is made of material similar to the material from which official Federal International Football (referred to as soccer in the US) Association (FIFA) soccerballs are made, preferably leather or synthetic leather. Preferably, the soccerball representation **293** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIFA soccerballs (for example, white leather optionally comprising colorful abstract or geometric shapes). Preferably, the soccerball representation **293** is textured similarly to the slick and glossy texture of an official FIFA soccerball. Preferably, the soccerball representation **293** comprises laced seams **270** that appear similar to the seams of an official FIFA soccerball, as shown, preferably stitched with small white threading. Preferably, the soccerball representation **293** comprises laced seams **270** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official FIFA soccerball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, soccerball manufacturer's preference, etc., other soccerball representations, such as plastic material,

different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 11b is a front view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise soccer related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIFA indicia, consistent with other soccer and International football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Major League Soccer (MLS), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the phrase "GOOOOOOAAAAAL...", Umbro, Adidas, Mizuno, Nike, Coke, Gatorade, IBM, Renaldo, David Beckham, Mia Hamm, Team USA Soccer, San Jose Earthquakes, North Carolina Tarheels, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, soccer ball representation **293** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching soccer ball

representation **293** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of soccer ball representation **293**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 11c and FIG. 11d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to soccer ball representation **293**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 11c is a back view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 11c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that soccer ball representation **293** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**.

Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 11d is a top view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of soccer ball representation **293**, as shown, such that items stored within soccer ball representation **293** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, soccer ball representation **293** can be used to contain a variety of

objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, soccer ball representation **293** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within soccer ball representation **293**.

FIG. 11e is a side view of the soccerball backpack of FIG. 11a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a soccer related item. Preferably, soccer representation **293** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual soccer ball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the soccer ball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion soccer ball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about three-quarters portion of a soccer ball, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 11e. Preferably, soccer ball representation **293** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 11a and FIG. 11b. Preferably, the portion of the soccer ball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 11a and FIG. 11b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market

demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other soccer ball representation **293** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 12a is a perspective view of a racing wheel backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a greater than half portion of a racing wheel is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a racing wheel representation **294** is made of material similar to the material from which official NASCAR racing wheels are made, preferably a rubber-like material, preferably treadless. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **294** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official racing wheels (for example, black rubber, and black or chrome rims). Preferably, the racing wheel representation **294** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NASCAR racing wheel. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **294** comprises tire body **256**, preferably smooth, and tire surface **250**, preferably treadless, as shown in FIG. 4a, similar to the surface of NASCAR racing wheels. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **294** comprises rims **255** that are similar in pattern and appearance to official NASCAR racing wheels, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances,



considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 12b is a front view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a. Preferably, racing wheel representation **294** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching racing wheel representation **294** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of racing wheel representation **294**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 12c and FIG. 12d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to racing wheel representation **294**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap

indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise racing related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NASCAR indicia, consistent with other racing associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, racers, and racing crews, such as Formula One, Monster Truck Racing Association (MTRA), National Hotrod Racing Association (NHRA), American Motorcycle Racing Association (AMRA), the phrase "rubbin's racin'", Goodyear, Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Rusty Wallace, Pennzoil, Penske, Budweiser, Molson, 7-up, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 12c is a back view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 12c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that racing wheel representation **294** is in front

of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, strap **204** comprises seatbelt strap material **289**, such as to resemble an automobile seat belt. Preferably, strap **204** comprises a connector **207**. Preferably, connector **207** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **204** comprises clasp portion **287** that fits into clasp portion **288**, resembling an automobile seat belt, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 12d is a top view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of racing wheel representation **294**, as shown, such that items stored within racing wheel representation **294** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor

arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, racing wheel representation **294** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, racing wheel representation **294** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within racing wheel representation **294**.

FIG. 12e is a side view of the racing wheel backpack of FIG. 12a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a racing related item. Preferably, racing representation **294** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual racing wheel. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the racing wheel is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion racing wheel. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half portion of a racing wheel, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 12e. Preferably, racing wheel representation **294** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 12a and FIG. 12b. Preferably, the portion of the racing wheel used

appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 12a and FIG. 12b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other racing wheel representation **294** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 13a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a greater than half portion of a hockey puck is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a hockey puck representation **295** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Hockey League (NHL) hockey pucks are made, preferably rubber, preferably hard rubber. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **295** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official hockey pucks (for example, black rubber, with multicolor indicia). Preferably, the hockey puck representation **295** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NHL hockey puck, with optional dimpling in locations where additional stick and ice gripping may be desired. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **295** comprises a puck body **260**, preferably smooth black rubber, with a circular indicia region **261**, as

shown in FIG. 13a, similar to the surface of NHL hockey pucks. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **295** comprises an indicia region **261** similar in pattern and appearance to official NHL hockey pucks. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, puck manufacturer's preference, etc., other hockey puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 13b is a front view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise hockey related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NHL indicia, consistent with other hockey associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the International Hockey League

(IHL), Western Hockey League (WHL), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the phrase "the coolest game on earth", the phrase "Jesus saves; Gretzky rebounds and scores", CCM, Nike, Budweiser, Pizza Hut, Mario Lemieux, Dominik Hasek, Detroit Redwings, Michigan Wolverines, Spokane Chief, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, hockey puck representation **295** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching hockey puck representation **295** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of hockey puck representation **295**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 13c and FIG. 13d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to hockey puck representation **295**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 13c is a back view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 13c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is

attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that hockey puck representation **295** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**. Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 13d is a top view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of hockey puck representation **295**, as shown, such that items stored within hockey puck representation **295** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper



comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, hockey puck representation **295** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, hockey puck representation **295** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within hockey puck representation **295**.

FIG. 13e is a side view of the hockey-puck backpack of FIG. 13a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a hockey related item. Preferably, hockey representation **295** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual hockey puck. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the hockey puck is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion hockey puck. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about half

portion of a hockey puck, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 13e. Preferably, hockey puck representation **295** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 13a and FIG. 13b. Preferably, the portion of the hockey puck used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 13a and FIG. 13b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other hockey puck representation **295** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 14a is a perspective view of a tennis ball backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a three-quarters portion of a tennis ball is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a tennis ball representation **296** is made of material similar to the material from which official United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis balls are made, preferably felt. Preferably, the tennis ball representation **296** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official USTA tennis balls (for example, yellow felt). Preferably, the tennis ball representation **296** is textured similarly to furry felt texture of an official USTA tennis ball. Preferably, the tennis ball

representation **296** comprises seams **262** and tennis ball surface **263**, preferably yellow felt, appearing similar in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official USTA tennis ball, as shown, preferably a white rubber seal. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, tennis ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other tennis ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 14b is a front view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a. Preferably, tennis ball representation **296** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching tennis ball representation **296** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of tennis ball representation **296**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 14c and FIG. 14d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to tennis ball representation **296**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as

buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise tennis related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-USTA indicia, consistent with other tennis ball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, and players, such as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Canadian tennis Association (CTA), Nike, Reebok, Wilson, Prince, Gatorade, Dunlop, Slazenger, Andre Agassi, Anna Kournikova, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 14c is a back view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 14c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the

user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that tennis ball representation **296** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**. Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 14d is a top view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of tennis ball representation **296**, as shown, such that items stored within tennis ball representation **296** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the

teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, tennis ball representation **296** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tennis ball representation **296** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within tennis ball representation **291**.

FIG. 14e is a side view of the tennis ball backpack of FIG. 14a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a tennis related item. Preferably, tennis representation **296** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual tennis ball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the tennis ball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion tennis ball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about three-quarters portion of a tennis ball, projecting away from

the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 14e. Preferably, tennis ball representation **296** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 14a and FIG. 14b. Preferably, the portion of the tennis ball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 14a and FIG. 14b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tennis ball representation **296** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 15a is a perspective view of a baseball backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Such perspective view in FIG. 15a is also representative of a preferred embodiment of a softball fanny pack, but will be discussed, for simplicity, in the context of a baseball fanny pack, as softballs generally appear to be larger scale versions of baseballs. Preferably, about a three-quarters portion of a baseball is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a baseball representation **297** is made of material similar to the material from which official Major League Baseball (MLB) baseballs are made, preferably leather, preferably rawhide leather. Preferably, the baseball representation **297** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of

official MLB baseballs (for example, white leather and red stitching). Preferably, the baseball representation **297** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official MLB baseball. Preferably, the baseball representation **297** comprises stitches **266**, preferably red thread, and baseball surface **265**, preferably white leather, that appears similar to an official MLB baseball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, baseball manufacturer's preference, etc., other baseball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 15b is a front view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**. Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise baseball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing,



advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-MLB indicia, consistent with other baseball and softball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), International Baseball Association (IBA), National Softball Association (NSA), Little League Baseball, the phrase "Holy Cow", Mizuno, Nike, Reebok, Rawlings, Randy Johnson, Barry Bonds, Lisa Fernandez, New York Yankees, Rice Owls, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, baseball representation **297** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching baseball representation **297** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of baseball representation **297**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 15c and FIG. 15d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to baseball representation **297**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 15c is a back view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as

shown in FIG. 15c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that baseball representation **297** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**. Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 15d is a top view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of baseball representation **297**, as shown, such that items stored within baseball representation **297** do not fall out when

accessor 206 is opened. Preferably, accessor 206 is located between the front portion 212 and the back portion 214, as shown. Preferably, accessor 206 is a zipper comprising zipper handle 209, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor 206, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, baseball representation 297 can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, baseball representation 297 has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within baseball representation 297.

FIG. 15e is a side view of the baseball backpack of FIG. 15a. Preferably, front portion 212 comprises a representation of a baseball related item. Preferably, baseball representation 297 comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual baseball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the baseball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion 214, which

contours to the user's body better than a full portion baseball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional portion is an about three-quarters portion of a baseball, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 15e. Preferably, baseball representation **297** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 15a and FIG. 15b. Preferably, the portion of the baseball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 15a and FIG. 15b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other baseball representation **297** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 16a is a perspective view of a volleyball backpack of the sports container system **200** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, about a three-quarters portion of a volleyball is the sports item represented by container **202**. Preferably, as shown, a volleyball representation **298** is made of material similar to the material from which official Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) volleyballs are made, preferably leather, preferably white leather. Preferably, the volleyball representation **298** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIVB volleyballs (for example, white

leather and black seams). Preferably, the volleyball representation **298** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official FIVB volleyball. Preferably, the volleyball representation **298** comprises seams **268** and volleyball surface **267**, preferably white leather, which appears similar to an official FIVB volleyball, as shown in FIG. 16a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, volleyball manufacturer's preference, etc., other volleyball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 16b is a front view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a. Preferably, volleyball representation **298** comprises straps **204**, as shown, which facilitates attaching volleyball representation **298** to a user. Preferably, straps **204** and small strap **211** comprise attachers **205**, which provides for attachment of volleyball representation **298**, to straps **204** and small strap **211**, as best shown in FIG. 16c and FIG. 16d. Preferably, attachers **205** comprise a stitching configuration, such that straps **204** and small strap **211** are stitched to volleyball representation **298**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances,

considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **212** comprises container indicia **208**. Preferably, strap **204** comprises strap indicia **210**.

Preferably, zipper tag **950** comprises zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise advertising indicia for an advertiser. Preferably, container indicia **208** and/or strap indicia **210** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise volleyball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIVB indicia, consistent with other volleyball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Volleyball, Pro Beach Volleyball, Tachikara, Baden, Molten, Mazda, Southwest Airlines, Karch Kiraly, Misty May, UCLA Bruins, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 16c is a back view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a. Preferably, back portion **214** is substantially flat, as shown in FIG. 16c, contoured to provide comfort and ease of use. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the back of the user, if the pack is

attached such that container **202** is on the backside of the user. A substantially flat back portion **214** provides contour and comfort against the chest of the user, if the pack is attached such that volleyball representation **298** is in front of the user. Preferably, back portion **214** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, straps **204** comprise adjusters **220** and loops **213**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of straps **204**. Preferably, adjusters **220** are traditional adjusters, comprising a bracket which slides along strap **204**, where straps **204** loop through loops **213**, as best shown in FIG. 9b, FIG. 9c, and FIG. 9e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 16d is a top view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a. Preferably, accessor **206** is located at the top of volleyball representation **298**, as shown, such that items stored within volleyball representation **298** do not fall out when accessor **206** is opened. Preferably, accessor **206** is located between the front portion **212** and the back portion **214**, as shown. Preferably, accessor **206** is a zipper

comprising zipper handle **209**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other accessor arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, other locations for accessor **206**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, volleyball representation **298** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, volleyball representation **298** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within volleyball representation **298**.

FIG. 16e is a side view of the volleyball backpack of FIG. 16a. Preferably, front portion **212** comprises a representation of a volleyball related item. Preferably, volleyball representation **298** comprises a 3-dimensional portion of an actual volleyball. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the volleyball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **214**, which contours to the user's body better than a full portion volleyball. Preferably, the 3-dimensional



portion is an about three-quarters portion of a volleyball, projecting away from the plane of straps **204**, as shown in FIG. 16e. Preferably, volleyball representation **298** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric to a person facing the system **200** user, as shown in FIG. 16a and FIG. 16b. Preferably, the portion of the volleyball used appears symmetric, as shown in FIG. 16a and FIG. 16b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other volleyball representation **298** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of a leg-pack **302** of the leg-pack sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, the leg-pack **302** comprises a convenient container for storing items, much like the fanny-pack sports container system **100** described above, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, the leg-pack **302** is situate conveniently adjacent the body of a user **303**, as shown. Preferably, the leg-pack **302** is connected to a belt **304** or along a waist portion **305** of the user **303**, as shown. Preferably, the leg-pack **302** is also secured along the leg **306**

of the user **303**, as shown. Most preferably, the leg-pack **302** comprises a leg strap **308** that fits over the pants **307** or the leg **306** of the user **303**, as shown (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user).

Preferably, the leg-pack also comprises a length adjuster, preferably a retractable extender **310** for providing automatic adjustment for various-sized users between the waist **305** and the leg strap **308**, as shown (embodying herein wherein said at least one waist support comprises at least one length adjuster to adjust length of support between said at least one waist support and said at least one container; and embodying herein wherein said at least one waist support comprises at least one tensioner adapted to maintaining tension between said at least one waist support and said at least one container; and embodying herein wherein said at least one tensioner comprises at least one retractable cord structured and arranged to maintain tension between said at least one waist support and said at least one container). In addition, the retractable extender **310** provides additional security against theft of the leg-pack **302**

The following descriptions of the leg-pack **302** (herein referred to as leg-packs **302a** through **302h**) will provide additional detail for the system **300** and individual embodiments, as shown.

FIG. 18a is a perspective view of a football leg-pack **302a** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 18b is a front view of the football leg-pack **302a** of FIG. 18a. FIG. 18c is a back view of the football leg-pack **302a** of FIG. 18a. FIG. 18d is a top view of the football leg-pack **302a** of FIG. 18a. FIG. 18e is a side view of the football leg-pack **302a** of FIG. 18a. Preferably, the football leg-pack **302a** comprises a front portion **312a**, a back portion **314a**, an access assembly **316a**, a waist attacher **320a** (embodying herein at least one waist support, attachable to said at least one container, structured and arranged to assist wearable support adjacent the leg), a leg attacher **322a** and a retractable length adjuster **324a**, as shown (embodying herein container means, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion encloses said at least one front portion; embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means; and embodying herein adjuster means for adjusting the length of said strap means).

Preferably, front portion **312a** comprises a container **307a** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional football representation **315a** (or simulation thereof) of an actual

football (embodying herein wherein said at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; and embodying herein essentially one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, football representation **315a** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312a** projects away from the body user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the football is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat **314a**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion football. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314a** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314a** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material (embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion comprises means for (comfortable) wearability along the human form of the user).

Preferably, the front portion **312a** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, a football related sports item, such as the illustrated embodiment, preferably comprises a half-portion of

a football, with a size relative to the size of the user, shaped identical to a typical football, made of a material which looks like leather, brown in color, with a dimpled texture, having about eight white laces in parallel. Most preferably, the front portion **312a** of the football-representation **315a** is made of material similar to the material from which official National Football League (NFL) footballs are made, preferably leather, preferably cowhide leather. Preferably, the football representation **315a** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NFL footballs (for example, brown leather and white lacing). Preferably, the football representation **315a** is textured similarly to the dimpled or "pebbled" texture of an official NFL football. Preferably, the football representation **315a** comprises lacing **326a** and seams **325a** that appear similar to the seams of an official NFL football, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with brown threading, as shown. Preferably, other football marks and lines, such as lacing line **327a**, are painted on, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, football manufacturer's preference, etc., other football representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may

suffice.

Preferably, the container **307a** of the football representation **315a** further comprises football related indicia (such as "NFL"), and a manufacturer emblem (such as Wilson™).

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, non-brown colors, non-dimpled, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various football leg-pack **302a** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra-large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the football representation **315a** is oriented longitudinally along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under

appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307a** comprises an access assembly **316a** (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, access assembly **316a** comprises a zipper **328a** and zipper handle **329a**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329a** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316a** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307a**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307a**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316a** is located at the portion of the container **307a** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307a** do not fall out when access assembly **316a** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316a** is located equidistant between the front portion **312a** and the back portion **314a**, as shown.

FIG. 18b is a front view of the football leg-pack **302a** of FIG. 18a. Preferably, front portion **312a** comprises container indicia **331a**. Preferably, leg attacher **322a** and retractable length adjuster **324** also comprises indicia **332a**. Preferably, container indicia **331a** and/or indicia **332a** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise football related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NFL indicia, consistent with other football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Canadian Football League (CFL), Arena Football League (AFL), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320a** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 18c, 18d, and 18e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320a** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320a** comprises a



retractable length adjuster **324a**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320a** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322a** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324a**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342a**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the football leg-pack **302a** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17) (embodying herein adjuster means for adjusting the length of said strap means). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the football leg-pack **302a**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice.

Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324a** is attached to the container **307a**, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher **320a**, as shown. Preferably, the cable **342a** extends through the exterior portion **344a** of the container **307a**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346a** is attached to the cable **342a** from the interior portion of the

container **307a** such that the cable **342a** is coupled to the container **307a**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322a** comprises a strap **330a**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the football leg-pack **302a** to the leg of a user. Preferably, leg attacher **322a** comprises attachment **333a**, which provides for attachment of the container **307a**, to strap **330a**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333a** is sewn to both the strap **330a** and the container **307a**, as shown (embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330a** comprises a connector **334a**. Preferably, connector **334a** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, strap **330a** comprises clasp portion **336a** that fits into clasp portion **338a**, as shown (Preferably, strap **204**

comprises seatbelt strap material **289**, such as to resemble an automobile seat belt. ). Preferably, clasp portion **336a** comprises a loop **337a** for assisting adjuster **340a** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330a** comprises adjuster **340a**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330a**. Preferably, adjuster **340a** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339a** that slides along strap **330a**, pulling strap **330a** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 19a is a perspective view of a basketball leg-pack **302b** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 19b is a front view of the basketball leg-pack **302b** of FIG. 19a. FIG. 19c is a back view of the basketball leg-pack **302b** of FIG.

19a. FIG. 19d is a top view of the basketball leg-pack **302b** of FIG. 19a. FIG. 19e is a side view of the basketball leg-pack **302b** of FIG. 19a. Preferably, the basketball leg-pack **302b** comprises a front portion **312b**, a back portion **314b**, an access assembly **316b**, a waist attacher **320b**, a leg attacher **322b** and a retractable length adjuster **324b**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312b** comprises a container **307b** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional basketball representation **315b** (or simulation thereof) of an actual basketball. Preferably, basketball leg-pack **302b** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312b** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the basketball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314b**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion basketball. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314b** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314b** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312b** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, a basketball related sports item,

such as the illustrated embodiment, preferably comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NBA basketballs (for example, brownish-orange leather and black seams). Preferably, the basketball representation **315b** is textured similarly to the dimpled or pebbled texture of an official NBA basketball. Preferably, the basketball representation **315b** comprises seams **325b** that appear similar, in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official NBA basketball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with black threading and sealed with black rubber. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, basketball manufacturer's preference, etc., other basketball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307b** of the basketball representation **315b** further comprises basketball related indicia (such as "NBA"), and a manufacturer emblem (such as Wilson™).

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation

arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, non-brown colors, non-dimpled, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various basketball leg-pack **302b** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the basketball representation **315b** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307b** comprises an access assembly **316b** (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means). Preferably, access assembly **316b** comprises a zipper

**328b** and zipper handle **329b**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329b** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316b** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307b**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307b**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316b** is located at the portion of the container **307b** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307b** do not fall out when access assembly **316b** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316b** is located equidistant between the front portion **312b** and the back portion **314b**, as shown.

FIG. 19b is a front view of the basketball leg-pack **302b** of FIG. 19a. Preferably, front portion **312b** comprises container indicia **331b**. Preferably, leg attacher **322b** and retractable length adjuster **324b** also comprises indicia **332b**. Preferably, container indicia **331b** and/or indicia **332b** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise basketball related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that,

considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NBA indicia, consistent with other basketball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Nike™, Reebok™, Converse™, Sprite™, Gatorade™, McDonalds™, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Los Angeles Lakers, Duke Blue devils, Houston Comets, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320b** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 19c, 19d, and 19e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320b** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320b** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324b**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324b** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 KEY-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320b** at or about the waist; then



attach the leg attacher **322b** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324b**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342b**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the basketball leg-pack **302b** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the basketball leg-pack **302b**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324b** is attached to the container **307b**, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher **320b**, as shown. Preferably, the light cable **342b** extends through the exterior portion **344b** of the container **307b**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346b** is attached to the cable **342b** from the interior portion of the container **307b** such that the cable **342b** is coupled to the container **307b**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322b** comprises a strap **330b**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the basketball leg-pack **302b** to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap **330b** comprises attachment **333b**, which provides for attachment of the container **307b**, to strap **330b**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333b** is sewn to both the strap **330b** and the container **307b**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330b** comprises a connector **334b**. Preferably, connector **334b** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334b** comprises clasp portion **336b** that fits into clasp portion **338b**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336b** comprises a loop **337b** for assisting adjuster **340b** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330b** comprises adjuster **340b**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap

**330b**. Preferably, adjuster **340b** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339b** that slides along strap **330b**, pulling strap **330b** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 20a is a perspective view of a soccer ball leg-pack **302c** of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 20b is a front view of the soccer ball leg-pack **302c** of FIG. 20a. FIG. 20c is a back view of the soccer ball leg-pack **302c** of FIG. 20a. FIG. 20d is a top view of the soccer ball leg-pack **302c** of FIG. 20a. FIG. 20e is a side view of the soccer ball leg-pack **302c** of FIG. 20a.

Preferably, the soccer ball leg-pack **302c** comprises a front portion **312c**, a back portion **314c**, an access assembly **316c**, a waist attacher **320c**, a leg attacher **322c** and a retractable length adjuster **324c**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312c** comprises a container **307c** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional soccer ball representation **315c** (or simulation thereof) of an actual soccer ball. Preferably, soccer ball leg-pack **302c** comprises

the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312c** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the soccer ball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314c**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion soccer ball. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314c** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314c** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312c** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, soccer ball representation **315c** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official Federal International Football (referred to as soccer in the US) Association (FIFA) soccer balls are made, preferably leather or synthetic leather. Preferably, soccer ball representation **315c** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIFA soccer balls (for example, white leather optionally comprising colorful abstract or geometric shapes). Preferably, the soccer ball representation **315c** is textured similarly to the slick and glossy texture of an official FIFA soccer ball. Preferably, the soccer ball

representation **315c** comprises stitched seams 325c that appear similar to the seams of an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown, preferably stitched with small white threading. Preferably, the soccer ball representation **315c** comprises laced seams **325c** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, soccer ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other soccer ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307c** of the soccer ball representation **315c** further comprises soccer ball related indicia (such as "FIFA") etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, non-white colors, different patterns, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various soccer ball representation **315c** sizes, such

as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the soccer ball representation **315c** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307c** comprises an access assembly **316c**. Preferably, access assembly **316c** comprises a zipper **328c** and zipper handle **329c**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329c** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316c** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307c**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user

preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307c**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316** is located at the portion of the container **307c** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307c** do not fall out when access assembly **316c** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316c** is located equidistant between the front portion **312c** and the back portion **314c**, as shown.

FIG. 20b is a front view of the soccer ball representation **315c** of FIG. 20a. Preferably, front portion **312c** comprises container indicia **331c**. Preferably, leg attacher **322c** and retractable length adjuster **324c** also comprises indicia **332c**. Preferably, container indicia **331c** and/or indicia **332c** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise soccer related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIFA indicia, consistent with other soccer and International football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Major League Soccer (MLS), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), National Collegiate Athletics Association

(NCAA), Umbro, Adidas™, Mizuno™, Nike™, Coke™, Gatorade™, IBM™, Renaldo, David Beckham, Mia Hamm, Team USA Soccer, San Jose Earthquakes, North Carolina Tarheels, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320c** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 20c, 20d, and 20e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320c** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320c** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324c**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324c** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320c** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322c** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324c**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342c**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the soccer ball representation **315c** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the



teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the soccer ball leg-pack 302c, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster 324c is attached to the container 307c, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher 320c, as shown. Preferably, the light cable 342c extends through the exterior portion 344c of the container 307c, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture 346c is attached to the cable 342c from the interior portion of the container 307c such that the cable 342c is coupled to the container 307c. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher 322c comprises a strap 330c, as shown, which facilitates attaching the soccer ball representation 315c to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap 330c comprises attachment 333c, which provides for attachment of the container 307c to strap 330c, as shown. Preferably, attachment 333c is sewn to both the strap 330c and the

container **307c**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330c** comprises a connector **334c**. Preferably, connector **334c** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334c** comprises clasp portion **336c** that fits into clasp portion **338c**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336c** comprises a loop **337c** for assisting adjuster **340c** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330c** comprises adjuster **340c**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330c**. Preferably, adjuster **340c** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339c** that slides along strap **330c**, pulling strap **330c** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing,

materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 21a is a perspective view of a racing wheel leg-pack **302d** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 21b is a front view of the racing wheel leg-pack **302d** of FIG. 21a. FIG. 21c is a back view of the racing wheel leg-pack **302d** of FIG. 21a. FIG. 21d is a top view of the racing wheel leg-pack **302d** of FIG. 21a. FIG. 21e is a side view of the racing wheel leg-pack **302d** of FIG. 21a.

Preferably, the racing wheel leg-pack **302d** comprises a front portion **312d**, a back portion **314d**, an access assembly **316d**, a waist attacher **320d**, a leg attacher **322d** and a retractable length adjuster **324d**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312d** comprises a container **307d** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional racing wheel representation **315d** (or simulation thereof) of an actual racing wheel. Preferably, racing wheel leg-pack **302d** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312d** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, a one-half portion of a racing wheel is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize

potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314d**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion racing wheel. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314d** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314d** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312d** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, racing wheel representation **315d** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official NASCAR racing wheels are made, preferably a rubber-like material, preferably treadless. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **315d** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official racing wheels (for example, black rubber, and black or chrome rims). Preferably, the racing wheel representation **315d** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NASCAR racing wheel.

Preferably, the racing wheel representation **315d** comprises tire body **360d**, preferably smooth, and tire surface **363d**, preferably treadless, as shown in FIG. 21b, similar to the surface of NASCAR racing wheels. Preferably, the racing wheel representation **315d** comprises rims **364d** that are similar in pattern and appearance to official NASCAR racing wheels, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that,

under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307d** of the racing wheel representation **315d** further comprises racing related indicia (such as "NHRA") and manufacturing indicia such as Goodyear®, etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various racing wheel representation **315d** sizes, such as scaled sizes, miniature sizes, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-wheel materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the racing wheel representation **315d** is

oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307d** comprises an access assembly **316d**. Preferably, access assembly **316d** comprises a zipper **328d** and zipper handle **329d**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329d** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316d** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307d**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307d**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316d** is located at the portion of the container **307d** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307d** do not fall out when access assembly **316d** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316d** is located equidistant between the front portion

**312d** and the back portion **314d**, as shown.

FIG. 21b is a front view of the racing wheel representation **315d** of FIG. 21a. Preferably, front portion **312d** comprises container indicia **331d**. Preferably, leg attacher **322d** and retractable length adjuster **324d** also comprises indicia **332d**. Preferably, container indicia **331d** and/or indicia **332d** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise racing related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and driver popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NASCAR indicia, consistent with other racing associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, racers, and racing crews, such as Formula One, Monster Truck Racing Association (MTRA), National Hotrod Racing Association (NHRA), American Motorcycle Racing Association (AMRA), the phrase "rubbin's racin'", Goodyear™, Ford™, Chevrolet™, Toyota™, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Rusty Wallace, Pennzoil™, Penske™, Budweiser™, Molson™, 7-up™, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320d** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 21c, 21d, and 21e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such

as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320d** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320d** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324d**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324d** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320d** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322d** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324d**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342d**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the racing wheel representation **315d** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the racing wheel leg-pack **302d**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324d** is attached to the container **307d**, preferably at a point directly



below the waist attacher **320d**, as shown. Preferably, the light cable **342d** extends through the exterior portion **344d** of the container **307d**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346d** is attached to the cable **342d** from the interior portion of the container **307d** such that the cable **342d** is coupled to the container **307d**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322d** comprises a strap **330d**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the racing wheel representation **315d** to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap **330d** comprises attachment **333d**, which provides for attachment of the container **307d**, to strap **330d**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333d** is sewn to both the strap **330d** and the container **307d**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330d** comprises a connector **334d**. Preferably, connector **334d** comprises a clasping mechanism.

Preferably, connector **334d** comprises clasp portion **336d** that fits into clasp portion **338d**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336d** comprises a loop **337d** for assisting adjuster **340d** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330d** comprises adjuster **340d**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330d**. Preferably, adjuster **340d** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339d** that slides along strap **330d**, pulling strap **330d** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 22a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 22b is a front view of the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** of FIG. 22a. FIG. 22c is a back view of the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** of FIG.

22a. FIG. 22d is a top view of the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** of FIG. 22a. FIG. 22e is a side view of the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** of FIG. 22a.

Preferably, the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** comprises a front portion **312e**, a back portion **314e**, an access assembly **316e**, a waist attacher **320e**, a leg attacher **322e** and a retractable length adjuster **324e**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312e** comprises a container **307e** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional hockey-puck representation **315e** (or simulation thereof) of an actual hockey-puck. Preferably, hockey-puck leg-pack **302e** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312e** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, a one-half portion of a hockey-puck is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314e**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion hockey-puck. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314e** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314e** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312e** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item

represented. For example, hockey puck representation **315e** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official National Hockey League (NHL) hockey pucks are made, preferably rubber, preferably hard rubber. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **315e** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official hockey pucks (for example, black rubber, with multicolor indicia). Preferably, the hockey puck representation **315e** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NHL hockey puck, with optional dimpling in locations where additional stick and ice gripping may be desired.

Preferably, the hockey puck representation **315e** comprises a puck body **370e**, preferably smooth black rubber, with a circular indicia region **371e**, as shown in FIG. 22a, similar to the surface of NHL hockey pucks. Preferably, the hockey puck representation **315e** comprises an indicia region **371e** similar in pattern and appearance to official NHL hockey pucks. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, puck manufacturer's preference, etc., other hockey puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Preferably, the container **307e** of the hockey-puck representation **315e** further comprises hockey

related indicia (such as "WHL"), etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, hockey-puck manufacturer's preference, users preference, etc., other hockey-puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various hockey-puck representation **315e** sizes, such as scaled sizes, miniature sizes, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-puck materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical puck colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the hockey-puck representation **315e** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307e** comprises an access

assembly **316e**. Preferably, access assembly **316e** comprises a zipper **328e** and zipper handle **329e**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329e** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316e** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307e**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307d**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316e** is located at the portion of the container **307e** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307e** do not fall out when access assembly **316e** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316e** is located equidistant between the front portion **312e** and the back portion **314e**, as shown.

FIG. 22b is a front view of the hockey-puck representation **315e** of FIG. 22a. Preferably, front portion **312d** comprises container indicia **331e**. Preferably, leg attacher **322e** and retractable length adjuster **324e** also comprises indicia **332e**. Preferably, container indicia **331e** and/or indicia **332e** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise racing related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon

reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NHL indicia, consistent with other hockey associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the International Hockey League (IHL), Western Hockey League (WHL), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the phrase "the coolest game on earth", the phrase "Jesus saves; Gretzky rebounds and scores", CCM, Nike™, Budweiser™, Pizza Hut™, Mario Lemieux, Dominik Hasek, Detroit Redwings, Michigan Wolverines, Spokane Chief, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320e** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 22c, 22d, and 22e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320e** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320e** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324e**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324e** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such

as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320e** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322e** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324e**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, will extend to provide a comfortable light-duty steel cable, preferably a cable **342e**, preferably a secured attachment of the hockey-puck representation **315e** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the hockey-puck leg-pack **302e**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324e** is attached to the container **307e**, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher **320e**, as shown. Preferably, the light cable **342e** extends through the exterior portion **344e** of the container **307e**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346e** is attached to the cable **342e** from the interior portion of the container **307e** such that the cable **342e** is coupled to the container **307e**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering



issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322e** comprises a strap **330e**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the hockey-puck representation **315e** to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap **330e** comprises attachment **333e**, which provides for attachment of the container **307e**, to strap **330e**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333e** is sewn to both the strap **330e** and the container **307e**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330e** comprises a connector **334e**. Preferably, connector **334e** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334e** comprises clasp portion **336e** that fits into clasp portion **338e**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336e** comprises a loop **337e** for assisting adjuster **340e** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-

clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330e** comprises adjuster **340e**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330e**. Preferably, adjuster **340e** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339e** that slides along strap **330e**, pulling strap **330e** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 23a is a perspective view of a tennis ball leg-pack **302f** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 23b is a front view of the tennis ball leg-pack **302f** of FIG. 23a. FIG. 23c is a back view of the tennis ball leg-pack **302f** of FIG. 23a. FIG. 23d is a top view of the tennis ball leg-pack **302f** of FIG. 23a. FIG. 23e is a side view of the tennis ball leg-pack **302f** of FIG. 23a.

Preferably, the tennis ball leg-pack **302f** comprises a front portion **312f**, a back portion **314f**, an access assembly **316f**, a waist attacher **320f**, a leg attacher **322f** and a retractable length adjuster **324f**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312f** comprises a container **307f**

resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional tennis ball representation **315f** (or simulation thereof) of an actual tennis ball. Preferably, tennis ball leg-pack **302f** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312f** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the tennis ball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314f**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion tennis ball. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314f** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314f** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312f** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, tennis ball representation **315f** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis balls are made, preferably felt. Preferably, the tennis ball representation **315f** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official USTA tennis balls (for example, yellow felt). Preferably, the tennis ball representation **315f** is textured similarly to furry felt texture of an official

USTA tennis ball. Preferably, the tennis ball representation **315f** comprises seams **362f** and tennis ball surface **373f**, preferably yellow felt, appearing similar in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official USTA tennis ball, as shown, preferably a white rubber seal. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, tennis ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other tennis ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307f** of the tennis ball representation **315f** further comprises tennis ball related indicia (such as "USTA") etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, non-yellow-felt-colors, non-felt, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various tennis ball representation **315f** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size,

miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the tennis ball representation **315f** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307f** comprises an access assembly **316f**. Preferably, access assembly **316f** comprises a zipper **328f** and zipper handle **329f**, as shown. Preferably, as described above, a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329f** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316f** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307f**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of

opening and closing access to the container **307f**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316f** is located at the portion of the container **307f** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307f** do not fall out when access assembly **316f** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316f** is located equidistant between the front portion **312f** and the back portion **314f**, as shown.

FIG. 23b is a front view of the tennis ball representation **315f** of FIG. 23a. Preferably, front portion **312f** comprises container indicia **331f**. Preferably, leg attacher **322f** and retractable length adjuster **324f** also comprises indicia **332f**. Preferably, container indicia **331f** and/or indicia **332f** (and/or zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise tennis related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-USTA indicia, consistent with other tennis ball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, and players, such as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Canadian Tennis Association (CTA), Wilson™, Nike™, Reebok™, Wilson™, Prince™, Gatorade™, Dunlop™, Slazenger™, Andre Agassi, Anna Kournikova, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320f** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 23c, 23d, and 23e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320f** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320f** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324f**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324f** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320f** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322f** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324f**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342f**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the tennis ball representation **315f** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences,

user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the tennis ball leg-pack 302f, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice.

Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster 324f is attached to the container 307f, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher 320f, as shown. Preferably, the cable 342f extends through the exterior portion 344f of the container 307f, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture 346f is attached to the cable 342f from the interior portion of the container 307f such that the cable 342f is coupled to the container 307f. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher 322f comprises a strap 330f, as shown, which facilitates attaching the tennis ball representation 315f to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap 330f comprises attachment 333f, which provides for attachment of the container 307f, to strap 330f, as shown. Preferably, attachment 333f is sewn to both the strap 330f and the container 307f, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering



issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330f** comprises a connector **334f**. Preferably, connector **334f** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334f** comprises clasp portion **336f** that fits into clasp portion **338f**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336f** comprises a loop **337f** for assisting adjuster **340f** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330f** comprises adjuster **340f**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330f**. Preferably, adjuster **340f** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339f** that slides along strap **330f**, pulling strap **330f** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 24a is a perspective view of a baseball leg-pack **302g** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 24b is a front view of the baseball leg-pack **302g** of FIG. 24a. FIG. 24c is a back view of the baseball leg-pack **302g** of FIG. 24a. FIG. 24d is a top view of the baseball leg-pack **302g** of FIG. 24a. FIG. 24e is a side view of the baseball leg-pack **302g** of FIG. 24a.

Preferably, the baseball leg-pack **302g** comprises a front portion **312g**, a back portion **314g**, an access assembly **316g**, a waist attacher **320g**, a leg attacher **322g** and a retractable length adjuster **324g**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312g** comprises a container **307g** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional baseball representation **315g** (or simulation thereof) of an actual baseball. Preferably, baseball leg-pack **302g** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312g** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the baseball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314g**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion

baseball. Preferably, a substantially flat back portion **314g** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314g** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312g** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, baseball representation **315g** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official Major League Baseball (MLB) baseballs are made, preferably leather, preferably rawhide leather. Preferably, the baseball representation **315g** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official MLB baseballs (for example, white leather and red stitching). Preferably, the baseball representation **315g** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official MLB baseball. Preferably, the baseball representation **315g** comprises stitches **366g**, preferably red thread, and baseball surface **365g**, preferably white leather, which appears similar to an official MLB baseball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, baseball manufacturer's preference, etc., other baseball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307g** of the baseball

representation **315g** further comprises baseball related indicia (such as "MLB") etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, colors, non-rawhide, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various baseball representation **315g** sizes, such as child size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the baseball representation **315g** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal,

etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307g** comprises an access assembly **316g**. Preferably, access assembly **316g** comprises a zipper **328g** and zipper handle **329g**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329g** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316g** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307g**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of opening and closing access to the container **307g**, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly **316g** is located at the portion of the container **307g** nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container **307g** do not fall out when access assembly **316g** is opened. Preferably, access assembly **316g** is located equidistant between the front portion **312g** and the back portion **314g**, as shown.

FIG. 24b is a front view of the baseball representation **315g** of FIG. 24a. Preferably, front portion **312g** comprises container indicia **331g**. Preferably, leg attacher **322g** and retractable length adjuster **324g** also comprises indicia **332g**. Preferably, container indicia **331g** and/or indicia **332g** (and/or

zipper tag indicia **952**) comprise baseball related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-MLB indicia, consistent with other baseball and softball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), International Baseball Association (IBA), National Softball Association (NSA), Little League Baseball, Mizuno™, Nike™, Reebok™, Rawlings™, Randy Johnson, Barry Bonds, Lisa Fernandez, New York Yankees, Rice Owls, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320g** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 24c, 24d, and 24e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320g** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320g** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324g**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324g** is similar to a retractable key chain

such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320g** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322g** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324g**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342g**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the baseball representation **315g** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the baseball leg-pack **302g**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324g** is attached to the container **307g**, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher **320g**, as shown. Preferably, the cable **342g** extends through the exterior portion **344g** of the container **307g**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346g** is attached to the cable **342g** from the interior portion of the container **307g** such that the cable **342g** is coupled to the container **307g**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now

understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322g** comprises a strap **330g**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the baseball representation **315g** to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap **330g** comprises attachment **333g**, which provides for attachment of the container **307g**, to strap **330g**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333g** is sewn to both the strap **330g** and the container **307g**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330g** comprises a connector **334g**. Preferably, connector **334g** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334g** comprises clasp portion **336g** that fits into clasp portion **338g**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336g** comprises a loop **337g** for assisting adjuster **340g** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other



connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330g** comprises adjuster **340g**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330g**. Preferably, adjuster **340g** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339g** that slides along strap **330g**, pulling strap **330g** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 25a is a perspective view of a volleyball leg-pack **302h** of the sports container system **300** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 25b is a front view of the volleyball leg-pack **302h** of FIG. 25a. FIG. 25c is a back view of the volleyball leg-pack **302h** of FIG. 25a. FIG. 25d is a top view of the volleyball leg-pack **302h** of FIG. 25a. FIG. 25e is a side view of the volleyball leg-pack **302h** of FIG. 25a.

Preferably, the volleyball leg-pack **302h** comprises a front portion **312h**, a back portion **314h**, an access assembly **316h**, a waist attacher **320h**, a leg attacher **322h** and a retractable length adjuster **324h**, as shown.

Preferably, front portion **312h** comprises a container **307h** resembling, in this embodiment, a 3-dimensional volleyball representation **315h** (or simulation thereof) of an actual volleyball. Preferably, volleyball leg-pack **302h** comprises the specific details of the sports related item represented, such as size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Preferably, the front portion **312h** projects away from the body of the user. Preferably, only a non-full portion of the volleyball is used, using a circumferentially cut plane, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a substantially flat back portion **314h**, which contours to the user's body better than a non-body contoured full portion volleyball. Preferably, substantially flat back portion **314h** provides contour and comfort against the side of the user. Preferably, back portion **314h** comprises an inexpensive, non-aggravating material. Preferably, the front portion **312h** is the most recognizable portion of the sports item represented. For example, volleyball representation **315h** is preferably made of material similar to the material from which official Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) volleyballs are made, preferably leather, preferably white leather. Preferably, the volleyball representation **315h** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIVB volleyballs (for example, white leather and black seams).

Preferably, the volleyball representation **315h** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official FIVB volleyball. Preferably, the volleyball representation **315h** comprises seams **368h** and volleyball surface **367h**, preferably white leather, which appears similar to an official FIVB volleyball, as shown in FIG. 25a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, volleyball manufacturer's preference, etc., other volleyball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307h** of the volleyball representation **315h** further comprises volleyball related indicia (such as "FIVB") etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as manufacturing, cost, materials, etc., other representation arrangements, such as fewer seams, extra seams, colors, non-leather, non-symmetric, abnormally sized, abnormally shaped, alternative indicia, etc., may suffice. Additionally, the portion of the sports item represented need not be about a half-portion. For example, various volleyball representation **315h** sizes, such as child

size, junior, adult, extra large, non-life size, miniature, etc., may suffice. In addition, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the volleyball representation **315h** is oriented symmetrically along the leg of a user, as shown in FIG. 17. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, size and dimensions of the sport representation, etc., other orientations, such as transverse, horizontal, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the container **307h** comprises an access assembly **316h**. Preferably, access assembly **316h** comprises a zipper **328h** and zipper handle **329h**, as shown. Preferably, as described above a zipper tag **950** is attached to zipper handle **329h** (not shown). Preferably, the access assembly **316h** opens and closes access to the interior of the container **307h**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preference, economic considerations, etc., other methods of

opening and closing access to the container 307h, for example, snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, it is preferable that the access assembly 316h is located at the portion of the container 307h nearest the users waist, most preferably along an upper portion, as shown, such that items stored within the container 307h do not fall out when access assembly 316h is opened. Preferably, access assembly 316h is located equidistant between the front portion 312h and the back portion 314h, as shown.

FIG. 25b is a front view of the volleyball representation 315h of FIG. 25a. Preferably, front portion 312h comprises container indicia 331h. Preferably, leg attacher 322h and retractable length adjuster 324h also comprises indicia 332h. Preferably, container indicia 331h and/or indicia 332h (and/or zipper tag indicia 952) comprise volleyball related indicia and or advertising indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIVB indicia, consistent with other volleyball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Volleyball, Pro Beach Volleyball, Tachikara, Mazda™, Southwest Airlines™, Karch Kiraly, Misty May, UCLA Bruins, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320h** is a belt clip, preferably a simple U-shaped clip, as shown in FIGS. 25c, 25d, and 25e. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, durability, economics, etc., other methods of attaching the waist attacher **320h** adjacent the waist of a user, such as a pant clip, hook and loop material, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the waist attacher **320h** comprises a retractable length adjuster **324h**. Preferably, the retractable length adjuster **324h** is similar to a retractable key chain such as, for example, a model 15 key-BAC® key retractor (such as available from Key-BAK company, P.O. Box 9088, Ontario, CA 91762, USA; Phone (909) 923-7800). Preferably, a user can attach the waist attacher **320h** at or about the waist; then attach the leg attacher **322h** at or along the leg, and the retractable length adjuster **324h**, preferably comprising an internal retractor, preferably a cable **342h**, preferably a light-duty steel cable, will extend to provide a comfortable and secured attachment of the volleyball representation **315h** onto the user, as shown (see FIG. 17). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences,

user size, economic considerations, etc., other methods of adjusting the length of the volleyball leg-pack **302h**, such as adjustable bands, stretchable cord etc., may suffice. Preferably, one end of the retractable length adjuster **324h** is attached to the container **307h**, preferably at a point directly below the waist attacher **320h**, as shown. Preferably, the cable **342h** extends through the exterior portion **344h** of the container **307h**, as shown. Preferably, an end cap fixture **346h** is attached to the cable **342h** from the interior portion of the container **307h** such that the cable **342h** is coupled to the container **307h**. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as durability, retractor/extender function, economics, etc., other methods of cable attachment, may suffice.

Preferably, leg attacher **322h** comprises a strap **330h**, as shown, which facilitates attaching the volleyball ball representation **315h** to the leg of a user. Preferably, strap **330h** comprises attachment **333h**, which provides for attachment of the container **307h**, to strap **330h**, as shown. Preferably, attachment **333h** is sewn to both the strap **330h** and the container **307h**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering

issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330h** comprises a connector **334h**. Preferably, connector **334h** comprises a clasping mechanism. Preferably, connector **334h** comprises clasp portion **336h** that fits into clasp portion **338h**, as shown. Preferably, clasp portion **336h** comprises a loop **337h** for assisting adjuster **340h** (as discussed below). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other connector arrangements, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-clasps, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, strap **330h** comprises adjuster **340h**, as shown, for tightening or loosening by adjusting the length of strap **330h**. Preferably, adjuster **340h** is a traditional adjuster, comprising a bracket **339h** that slides along strap **330h**, pulling strap **330h** tight against the leg. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, materials, etc., other adjusters, such as pinching adjusters, spacers, straps with greater elasticity, Velcro™, hooks, non-traditional adjusters, etc., may suffice.



FIG. 26a is a perspective view of a football tote bag **404**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment **402** of the present invention (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user). FIG. 26b is a front view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a. FIG. 26c is a back view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a. FIG. 26d is a top view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a. FIG. 26e is a side view of the football tote bag of FIG. 26a. Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a set of tote-bags. Preferably, one of such tote-bags is football tote-bag **404**, as shown in embodiment **402**. Preferably, football tote-bag **404** comprises a front portion **410** and a back portion **412**, as shown (embodying herein container means, comprising at least one front portion, at least one back portion, at least one interior portion, and at least one exterior portion, for containing the items; and embodying herein wherein said at least one back portion encloses said at least one front portion).

Preferably, all the tote-bags **404** of the sports container system **400** comprises an opening, such as opening **406**, for accessing the interior of the tote-bag **404**, as shown. Preferably, every opening comprises a tensioned closure **408**, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably,

the closure is attached to the tote-bag **404** using stitching **409** (as shown in FIG. 42a). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **404**, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag **404** comprises at least one removable strap **414**, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414** comprises an attacher **430** and **432**, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap **414**, preferably by a looped portion of the strap **438**, preferably riveted **440**, to provide for removable attachment of the strap **414** to the tote-bag **404**, as shown (embodying herein strap means, attachable to said container means, for assisting wearable support by the user). Preferably, the tote-bag **404** comprises two connectors **434** and **436**, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the tote-bag **404**, preferably by stitching **442** (embodying herein attachment means for attaching said strap means to said container means; and embodying herein connection means for assisting in securing said strap means to the user). Preferably, the attacher **430** and **432** will couple to the

respective connectors **434** and **436** such that the strap will connect to the tote-bag **404**, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **410** and a back portion **412** of the tote-bag **404** make up an entire football or football-like representation. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** comprises the specific details of a typical football including size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the football tote-bag, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with

ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** is made of material similar to the material from which official footballs are made, such as National Football League (NFL) footballs, preferably leather, preferably cowhide leather. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official footballs (for example, NFL brown leather, black seams, white lacing). Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** is textured similarly to the dimpled or "pebbled" texture of an official football (NFL, for example). Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** comprises seams **416** and **418** that appear similar to the seams of an official NFL football, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with brown threading. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** comprises lacing **420** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an

official NFL football, as shown. Preferably, other football marks and lines, such as lacing line **422**, are painted on, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, football manufacturer's preference, etc., other football tote-bag **404** representations, such as college, high school, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 26b is a front view of the football tote-bag of FIG. 26a. Preferably, front portion **410** comprises indicia **424**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952**. Preferably, indicia **424** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise football related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NFL indicia, consistent with other football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Canadian Football League (CFL), Arena Football League (AFL), National Collegiate Athletics

Association (NCAA), Oakland Raiders, Ohio State Buckeyes, Arizona Rattlers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **406** and tensioned closure **408** are located at the top of the tote-bag **404**, as shown, such that items stored within the tote-bag **404** do not fall out when the closure **408** is opened. Preferably, the opening **406** and tensioned closure **408** are located between the front portion **410** and the back portion **412**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **406** and tensioned closure **408** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **406** and tensioned closure **408**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, tote-bag **404** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tote-bag **404** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside tote-bag **404** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within the tote-bag **404**. FIG. 26e is a side view of the football tote-bag of FIG. 26a. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual football (embodying herein wherein said

at least one front portion consists essentially of at least one three-dimensional representation of at least one portion of at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport; and embodying herein essentially one-half of the at least one chief item used in performing at least one sport). Preferably, only a full portion of the football is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **412**, as shown. Preferably, football tote-bag **404** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tote-bag **404** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 27a is a perspective view of a basketball tote-bag **454**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 27b is a front view of the basketball tote-bag **454** of FIG. 27a. FIG. 27c is a back view of the basketball tote-bag **454** of FIG. 27a. FIG. 27d is a top view of the basketball tote-bag **454** of FIG. 27a. FIG. 27e is a side view of the basketball tote-bag of FIG. 27a. Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a basketball tote-bag **454**, as shown in embodiment **452**. Preferably, basketball

tote-bag **454** comprises a front portion **460** and a back portion **462**, as shown. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454** comprises an opening **456** for accessing the interior of the basketball tote-bag **454**, as shown (embodying herein access means for providing access to said at least one interior portion of said container means).

Preferably, opening **456** comprises a tensioned closure **458**, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure is attached to the basketball tote-bag **454** using stitching **409** (as shown in FIG. 42a). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **454**, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the basketball tote-bag **454** also preferably comprises at least one removable strap **414**, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414** comprises an attacher **430** and **432**, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap **414**, preferably by a looped portion of the strap **438**, preferably riveted **440**, to provide for removable attachment of the strap **414** to the



basketball tote-bag **454**, as shown. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** comprises two connectors **434** and **436**, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the basketball tote-bag **454**, preferably by stitching **442**. Preferably, the attacher **430** and **432** will couple to the respective connectors **434** and **436** such that the strap will connect to the basketball tote-bag **454**, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **460** and a back portion **462** of the basketball tote-bag **454** make up an entire (full-portion) basketball or basketball-like representation. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** comprises the specific details of a typical basketball including size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with

ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the football tote-bag, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** is made of material similar to the material from which official basketballs are made, such as official National Basketball Association (NBA) basketballs are made, preferably leather. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NBA basketballs (for example, brownish-orange leather and black seams). Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** is textured similarly to the dimpled or pebbled texture of an official NBA

basketball. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** comprises seams **468** that appear similar, in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official NBA basketball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with black threading and sealed with black rubber. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, basketball manufacturer's preference, etc., other basketball tote-bag **454** representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 27b is a front view of the basketball tote-bag **454** of FIG. 27a. Preferably, front portion **460** comprises indicia **474**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, indicia **474** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise basketball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NBA indicia, consistent with other basketball associations, manufacturers, slogans,

advertisers, players, and teams, such as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers, Duke Blue devils, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **456** and tensioned closure **458** are located at the top of the basketball tote-bag **454**, as shown, such that items stored within the basketball tote-bag **454** do not fall out when the closure **458** is opened. Preferably, the opening **456** and tensioned closure **458** are located between the front portion **460** and the back portion **462**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **456** and tensioned closure **458** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **456** and tensioned closure **458**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside basketball tote-bag **454** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within basketball tote-bag **454**.

FIG. 27e is a side view of the of the basketball tote-bag **454** of FIG. 27a. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual basketball. Preferably, only a full portion of the basketball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **462**, as shown. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other basketball tote-bag **454** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 28a is a perspective view of a soccer ball tote bag **484**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 28b is a front view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** of FIG. 28a. FIG. 28c is a back view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** of FIG. 28a. FIG. 28d is a top view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** of FIG. 28a. FIG. 28e is a side view of the soccer ball tote bag **484** of FIG. 28a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a soccer ball tote-bag **484**, as shown in embodiment **482**. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484** comprises a front portion

490 and a back portion 492, as shown. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag 484 comprises an opening 486 for accessing the interior of the soccer ball tote-bag 484, as shown.

Preferably, opening 486 comprises a tensioned closure 488, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure 488 is attached to the soccer ball tote-bag 484 using stitching 409, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 484, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the soccer ball tote-bag 484 also preferably comprises at least one removable strap 414, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414 comprises an attacher 430 and 432, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap 414, preferably by a looped portion of the strap 438, preferably riveted 440, to provide for removable attachment of the strap 414 to the soccer ball tote-bag 484, as shown. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag 484 comprises two connectors 434 and 436, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably

permanently attached to the soccer ball tote-bag **484**, preferably by stitching **442** (embodying herein connection means for assisting in securing said strap means to the user). Preferably, the attacher **430** and **432** will couple to the respective connectors **434** and **436** such that the strap will connect to the soccer ball tote-bag **484**, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **490** and a back portion **492** of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** make up an entire (full-portion) soccer ball or soccer-ball-like representation. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484** comprises material similar to the material from which official Federal International Football (referred to as soccer in the US) Association (FIFA) soccer balls are made, preferably leather or synthetic leather. Preferably , the soccer ball tote-bag **484** comprises a color

scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIFA soccer balls (for example, white leather optionally comprising colorful abstract or geometric shapes). Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484** is textured similarly to the slick and glossy texture of an official FIFA soccer ball. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484** comprises seams **498** that appear similar to the seams of an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown, preferably stitched with small white threading. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484** comprises seams **498** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, soccer ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other soccer ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the soccer ball tote-bag **484**, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will



now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 28b is a front view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** of FIG. 28a. Preferably, front portion **490** comprises indicia **494**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, indicia **494** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise soccer ball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIFA indicia, consistent with other soccer and International football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such

as Major League Soccer (MLS), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Team USA Soccer, North Carolina Tarheels, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **486** and tensioned closure **488** are located at the top of the soccer ball tote-bag **484**, as shown, such that items stored within the soccer ball tote-bag **484** do not fall out when the closure **488** is opened. Preferably, the opening **486** and tensioned closure **488** are located between the front portion **490** and the back portion **492**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **486** and tensioned closure **488** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **486** and tensioned closure **488**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside soccer ball tote-bag **484** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within soccer ball tote-bag **484**.

FIG. 28e is a side view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484** of FIG. 28a. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual soccer ball. Preferably, only a full portion of the soccer ball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **492**, as shown. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other soccer ball tote-bag **484** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 29a is a perspective view of a racing wheel tote bag **504**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment **502** of the present invention. FIG. 29b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a. FIG. 29c is a back view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a. FIG. 29d is a top view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a. FIG. 29e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a racing wheel tote bag **504**, as shown in embodiment **502**. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504** comprises a front

portion 510 and a back portion 512, as shown. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag 504 comprises an opening 506 for accessing the interior of the racing wheel tote bag 504, as shown.

Preferably, opening 506 comprises a tensioned closure 508, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure 508 is attached to the racing wheel tote bag 504 using stitching 409, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability, etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 504, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the racing wheel tote bag 504 also preferably comprises at least one removable strap 414, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414 comprises an attacher 430 and 432, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap 414, preferably by a looped portion of the strap 438, preferably riveted 440, to provide for removable attachment of the strap 414 to the racing wheel tote bag 504, as shown. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag 504 comprises two connectors 434 and 436,

preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the racing wheel tote bag 504, preferably by stitching 442. Preferably, the attacher 430 and 432 will couple to the respective connectors 434 and 436 such that the strap will connect to the racing wheel tote bag 504, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion 510 and a back portion 512 of the racing wheel tote bag 504 make up an entire (full-portion) racing wheel or racing wheel-like representation. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag 504 comprises material similar to the material from which official NASCAR racing wheels are made, preferably a rubber-like material, preferably treadless. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag 504 comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official racing wheels

(for example, black rubber, and black or chrome rims).

Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NASCAR racing wheel.

Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504** comprises treadless tire surface **518** and smooth tire body **516**, as shown in FIG. 29a, representing a surface similar to the surface of NASCAR racing wheels. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504** comprises rims **515** that are similar in pattern and appearance to official NASCAR racing wheels, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the racing wheel tote bag **504**, such as scaled sizes to represent the racing industry, for example quarter-sized, HO-racing size, miniature size, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with

ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, rim arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical wheel colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 29b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a. Preferably, front portion **510** comprises indicia **514**. Preferably, rear portion **512** also comprises indicia **514**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, indicia **514** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise racing related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NASCAR indicia, consistent with

other racing associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, racers, and racing crews, such as Formula One, Monster Truck Racing Association (MTRA), National Hotrod Racing Association (NHRA), American Motorcycle Racing Association (AMRA), Goodyear, Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Rusty Wallace, Pennzoil, Penske, Budweiser, Molson, 7-up, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **506** and tensioned closure **508** are located at the top of the racing wheel tote bag **504**, as shown, such that items stored within the racing wheel tote bag **504** do not fall out when the closure **508** is opened. Preferably, the opening **506** and tensioned closure **508** are located between the front portion **510** and the back portion **512**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **506** and tensioned closure **508** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **506** and tensioned closure **508**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, racing wheel



tote bag **504** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside racing wheel tote bag **504** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within racing wheel tote bag **504**.

FIG. 29e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag **504** of FIG. 29a. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual racing wheel. Preferably, only a full portion of the racing wheel is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **512**, as shown. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other racing wheel tote bag **504** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 30a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck tote bag **524**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment **522** of the present invention. FIG. 30b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524** of FIG. 30a. FIG. 30c is a back view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524** of FIG. 30a. FIG. 30d is a top view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524** of FIG. 30a. FIG. 30e is a

side view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524 of FIG. 30a.

Preferably, the sports container system 400 comprises a hockey-puck tote bag 524, as shown in embodiment 522. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524 comprises a front portion 530 and a back portion 532, as shown. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524 comprises an opening 526 for accessing the interior of the hockey-puck tote bag 524, as shown.

Preferably, opening 526 comprises a tensioned closure 528, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure 528 is attached to the hockey-puck tote bag 524 using stitching 409, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 524, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the hockey-puck tote bag 524 also preferably comprises at least one removable strap 414, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414 comprises an attacher 430 and 432, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap 414, preferably by a looped portion of the strap 438, preferably riveted 440,

to provide for removable attachment of the strap **414** to the hockey-puck tote bag **524**, as shown. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag **524** comprises two connectors **434** and **436**, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the hockey-puck tote bag **524**, preferably by stitching **442**. Preferably, the attacher **430** and **432** will couple to the respective connectors **434** and **436** such that the strap will connect to the hockey-puck tote bag **524**, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **530** and a back portion **532** of the hockey-puck tote bag **524** make up an entire (full-portion) hockey puck or hockey-puck-like representation. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524** comprises of material similar to the material from which official National Hockey League (NHL) hockey pucks are made, preferably rubber, preferably hard

rubber. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official hockey pucks (for example, black rubber, with multicolor indicia). Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NHL hockey puck, with optional dimpling in locations where additional stick and ice gripping may be desired.

Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524** comprises a smooth black rubber puck body **540**, with a circular indicia region **541**, as shown in FIG. 30a, similar to the surface of NHL hockey pucks. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524** comprises an indicia region **541** similar in pattern and appearance to official NHL hockey pucks. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, puck manufacturer's preference, etc., other hockey puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the hockey-puck tote bag **524**, such as oversized and scaled

sizes to represent the hockey puck, for example ten-times normal hockey puck sized, twenty times normal hockey puck sized, miniature size, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 30b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524** of FIG. 30a. Preferably, front portion **530** comprises circular indicia region **541**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, circular indicia region **541** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise hockey related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NHL indicia, consistent with other hockey associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the International Hockey League (IHL), Western Hockey League (WHL), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Budweiser, Pizza Hut, Mario Lemieux, Dominik Hasek, Detroit Redwings, Michigan Wolverines, Spokane Chief, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **526** and tensioned closure **528** are located at the top **531** of the hockey-puck tote bag **524**, as

shown, such that items stored within the hockey-puck tote bag 524 do not fall out when the closure 528 is opened.

Preferably, the opening 526 and tensioned closure 528 are located between the front portion 530 and the back portion 532, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening 526 and tensioned closure 528 arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening 526 and tensioned closure 528, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524 can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524 has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside hockey-puck tote bag 524 (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within hockey-puck tote bag 524.

FIG. 30e is a side view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524 of FIG. 30a. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag 524 is a 3-dimensional hollow portion of an actual hockey puck.

Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a hockey puck is used, so as to optimize potential personal item

containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **532**, as shown. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag **524** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other hockey-puck tote bag **524** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 31a is a perspective view of a tennis ball tote bag **544**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 31b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag **544** of FIG. 31a. FIG. 31c is a back view of the tennis ball tote bag **544** of FIG. 31a. FIG. 31d is a top view of the tennis ball tote bag **544** of FIG. 31a. FIG. 31e is a side view of the tennis ball tote bag **544** of FIG. 31a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a tennis ball tote bag **544**, as shown in embodiment **542**. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag **544** comprises a front portion **550** and a back portion **552**, as shown. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag **544** comprises an opening **556** for accessing the interior of the tennis ball tote bag **544**, as shown.

Preferably, opening **556** comprises a tensioned closure **558**, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse

closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure 558 is attached to the tennis ball tote bag 544 using stitching 409, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 544, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the tennis ball tote bag 544 also preferably comprises at least one removable strap 414, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414 comprises an attacher 430 and 432, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap 414, preferably by a looped portion of the strap 438, preferably riveted 440, to provide for removable attachment of the strap 414 to the tennis ball tote bag 544, as shown. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544 comprises two connectors 434 and 436, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the tennis ball tote bag 544, preferably by stitching 442. Preferably, the attacher 430 and 432 will couple to the respective connectors 434 and 436 such that the strap will connect to the tennis ball tote bag 544, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those



with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **550** and a back portion **552** of the tennis ball tote bag **544** make up an entire (full-portion) tennis ball or tennis-ball-like representation. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544** comprises of material similar to the material from which official United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis balls are made, preferably felt. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official USTA tennis balls (for example, yellow felt). Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544** is textured similarly to furry felt texture of an official USTA tennis ball. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544** comprises seams **562** and yellow felt **563**, appearing similar in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official USTA tennis ball, as shown, preferably a white rubber seal. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with

ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, tennis ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other tennis ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the tennis ball tote bag **544**, such as oversized and scaled sizes to represent the tennis ball, for example ten-times normal tennis ball sized, twenty times normal tennis ball sized, normal size, miniature size, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 31b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag **544** of FIG. 31a. Preferably, front portion **550** comprises indicia **551**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952**. Preferably, indicia **551** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise tennis related indicia (not shown). Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing,

advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-USTA indicia, consistent with other tennis ball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, and players, such as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Canadian tennis Association (CTA), Wilson, Nike, Reebok, Wilson, Prince, Gatorade, Dunlop, Slazenger, Andre Agassi, Anna Kournikova, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening 556 and tensioned closure 558 are located at the top 561 of the tennis ball tote bag 544, as shown, such that items stored within the tennis ball tote bag 544 do not fall out when the closure 558 is opened.

Preferably, the opening 556 and tensioned closure 558 are located between the front portion 550 and the back portion 552, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening 556 and tensioned closure 558 arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening 556 and tensioned closure 558, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544 can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tennis ball

tote bag **544** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside tennis ball tote bag **544** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within tennis ball tote bag **544**.

Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544** is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual tennis ball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a tennis ball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **552**, as shown. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag **544** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tennis ball tote bag **544** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 32a is a perspective view of a baseball tote bag **574**, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 32b is a front view of the baseball tote bag **574** of FIG. 32a. FIG. 32c is a back view of the baseball tote bag **574** of FIG. 32a. FIG. 32d is a top view of the baseball tote bag **574** of FIG. 32a. FIG. 32e is a side view of the baseball tote bag **574** of FIG. 32a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a baseball tote bag **574**, as shown in embodiment **572**.

Preferably, baseball tote bag **574** comprises a front portion **580** and a back portion **582**, as shown. Preferably, baseball tote bag **574** comprises an opening **576** for accessing the interior of the baseball tote bag **574**, as shown.

Preferably, opening **576** comprises a tensioned closure **578**, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure **578** is attached to the baseball tote bag **574** using stitching **409**, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **574**, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the baseball tote bag **574** also preferably comprises at least one removable strap **414**, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414** comprises an attacher **430** and **432**, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap **414**, preferably by a looped portion of the strap **438**, preferably riveted **440**, to provide for removable attachment of the strap **414** to the

baseball tote bag 574, as shown. Preferably, baseball tote bag 574 comprises two connectors 434 and 436, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the baseball tote bag 574, preferably by stitching 442. Preferably, the attacher 430 and 432 will couple to the respective connectors 434 and 436 such that the strap will connect to the baseball tote bag 574, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other connectors, may suffice.

Preferably, front portion 580 and a back portion 582 of the baseball tote bag 574 make up an entire (full-portion) baseball or baseball-like representation. Preferably, the baseball tote bag 574 is comprised of material similar to the material from which official Major League Baseball (MLB) baseballs are made, preferably leather, preferably, rawhide leather. Preferably, the baseball tote bag 574 comprises a

color scheme similar to the color scheme of official MLB baseballs (for example, white leather and red stitching). Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official MLB baseball. Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574** comprises stitches **586** and white leather **585** that appears similar to an official MLB baseball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with red thread. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, baseball manufacturer's preference, etc., other baseball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the baseball tote bag **574**, such as oversized and scaled sizes to represent the baseball, for example ten-times normal baseball sized, twenty times normal baseball sized, normal sized, miniature sized, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 32b is a front view of the baseball tote bag **574** of FIG. 32a. Preferably, front portion **580** comprises indicia **581**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown

in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, indicia **581** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise baseball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-MLB indicia, consistent with other baseball and softball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), International Baseball Association (IBA), National Softball Association (NSA), Little League Baseball, New York Yankees, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **576** and tensioned closure **578** are located at the top **571** of the baseball tote bag **574**, as shown, such that items stored within the baseball tote bag **574** do not fall out when the closure **578** is opened. Preferably, the opening **576** and tensioned closure **578** are located between the front portion **580** and the back portion **582**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market



demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening 576 and tensioned closure 578 arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening 556 and tensioned closure 558, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, baseball tote bag 574 can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, baseball tote bag 574 has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside baseball tote bag 574 (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within baseball tote bag 574.

Preferably, the baseball tote bag 574 is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual baseball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a baseball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion 582, as shown. Preferably, baseball tote bag 574 is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other baseball tote bag 574 configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may

suffice.

FIG. 33a is a perspective view of a volleyball tote bag, having detachable straps **414**, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 33b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag **604** of FIG. 33a. FIG. 33c is a back view of the volleyball tote bag **604** of FIG. 33a. FIG. 33d is a top view of the volleyball tote bag **604** of FIG. 33a. FIG. 33e is a side view of the volleyball tote bag **604** of FIG. 33a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400** comprises a volleyball tote bag **604**, as shown in embodiment **602**. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604** comprises a front portion **610** and a back portion **612**, as shown. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604** comprises an opening **606** for accessing the interior of the volleyball tote bag **604**, as shown.

Preferably, opening **606** comprises a tensioned closure **608**, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure **578** is attached to the volleyball tote bag **604** using stitching **409**, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the

tote-bag 604, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, the volleyball tote bag 604 also preferably comprises at least one removable strap 414, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414 comprises an attacher 430 and 432, preferably quick-connectors as shown, that are preferably permanently connected to the strap 414, preferably by a looped portion of the strap 438, preferably riveted 440, to provide for removable attachment of the strap 414 to the volleyball tote bag 604, as shown. Preferably, volleyball tote bag 604 comprises two connectors 434 and 436, preferably rings, preferably metal rings, preferably permanently attached to the volleyball tote bag 604, preferably by stitching 442. Preferably, the attacher 430 and 432 will couple to the respective connectors 434 and 436 such that the strap will connect to the volleyball tote bag 604, as shown.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container detachability, etc., other attachers, such as buckles, Velcro™, hooks, non-stitch attachers, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container

detachability, durability, etc., other connectors may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **610** and a back portion **612** of the volleyball tote bag **604** make up an entire (full-portion) volleyball or volleyball-like representation. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604** is comprised of material similar to the material from which official Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) volleyballs are made, preferably leather, preferably white leather. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIVB volleyballs (for example, white leather and black seams). Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official FIVB volleyball. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604** comprises black seams **616** and white leather **618** that appears similar to an official FIVB volleyball, as shown in FIG. 33a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, volleyball manufacturer's preference, etc., other volleyball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic

consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the volleyball tote bag **604**, such as adult-sized, child sized, normal sized, miniature sized, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 33b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag **604** of FIG. 33a. Preferably, front portion **610** comprises indicia **611**. Preferably, strap **414** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, strap **414** may further comprise an access tag such as that described above in zipper tag **950**, and zipper tag indicia, for example, zipper tag indicia **952** (not shown). Preferably, indicia **611** and/or strap indicia **110** and/or zipper tag indicia **952** comprise volleyball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIVB indicia, consistent with other volleyball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Volleyball, Pro Beach Volleyball, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **606** and tensioned closure **608** are located at the top **617** of the volleyball tote bag **604**, as shown, such that items stored within the volleyball tote bag **604** do not fall out when the closure **608** is opened. Preferably, the opening **606** and tensioned closure **608** are

located between the front portion **610** and the back portion **612**, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **606** and tensioned closure **608** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **606** and tensioned closure **608**, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside volleyball tote bag **604** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within volleyball tote bag **604**.

Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604** is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual volleyball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a volleyball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **612**, as shown. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now

understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other volleyball tote bag **604** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 34a is a perspective view of a football tote bag **404\***, having permanently attached handles, of the sports container system **400\*** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 34b is a front view of the football tote bag **404\*** of FIG. 34a. FIG. 34c is a back view of the football tote bag **404\*** of FIG. 34a. FIG. 34d is a top view of the football tote bag **404\*** of FIG. 34a. FIG. 34e is a side view of the football tote bag **404\*** of FIG. 34a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a set of tote-bags **404\***. Preferably, one of such tote-bags **404\*** is football tote-bag **404\***, as shown in embodiment **402\***.

Preferably, football tote-bag **404\*** comprises a front portion **410\*** and a back portion **412\***, as shown.

Preferably, all the tote-bags **404\*** of the sports container system **400\*** comprises an opening, such as opening **406\***, for accessing the interior of the tote-bag **404\***, as shown. Preferably, every opening comprises a tensioned closure **408\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure is attached to

the tote-bag **404\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the totebag **404\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag **404\*** has a permanently attached strap **414\***, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414\*** is permanently attached to the tote-bag **404\***, preferably by stitching **442\***.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight



distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, no straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **410\*** and a back portion **412\*** of the tote-bag **404\*** make up an entire football or football-like representation. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** comprises the specific details of a typical football including size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the football tote-bag, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, 'zebra' stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered,

iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** is made of material similar to the material from which official footballs are made, such as National Football League (NFL) footballs, preferably leather, preferably cowhide leather. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official footballs (for example, NFL brown leather, black seams, white lacing). Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** is textured similarly to the dimpled or "pebbled" texture of an official football (NFL, for example). Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** comprises seams **416\*** and **418\*** that appear similar to the seams of an official NFL football, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with brown threading. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** comprises lacing **420\*** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official NFL football, as shown. Preferably, other football marks and lines, such as lacing line **422\***, are painted on, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, football manufacturer's preference, etc., other football tote-bag **404\*** representations, such as college, high school, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 34b is a front view of the football tote-bag of FIG.

34a. Preferably, front portion **410\*** comprises indicia **424\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **424\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise football related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NFL indicia, consistent with other football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Canadian Football League (CFL), Arena Football League (AFL), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Ohio State Buckeyes, Arizona Rattlers, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **406\*** and tensioned closure **408\*** are located at the top of the tote-bag **404\***, as shown, such that items stored within the tote-bag **404\*** do not fall out when the closure **408\*** is opened. Preferably, the opening **406\*** and tensioned closure **408\*** are located between the front portion **412\*** and the back portion **410\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **406\*** and tensioned closure **408\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening

**406\*** and tensioned closure **408\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, tote-bag **404\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tote-bag **404\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside tote-bag **404\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within tote-bag **404\***.

FIG. 34e is a side view of the football tote-bag of FIG. 34a. Preferably, the football tote-bag **404\*** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual football. Preferably, only a full portion of the football is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **114\***, as shown. Preferably, football tote-bag **404\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tote-bag **404\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 35a is a perspective view of a basketball tote-bag **454\***, having permanently attached handles **414\***, of the sports container system **400\*** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 35b is a front view of the

basketball tote-bag **454\*** of FIG. 35a. FIG. 35c is a back view of the basketball tote-bag **454\*** of FIG. 35a. FIG. 35d is a top view of the basketball tote-bag **454\*** of FIG. 35a. FIG. 35e is a side view of the basketball tote-bag of FIG. 35a. Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a basketball tote-bag **454\***, as shown in embodiment **452\***. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454\*** comprises a front portion **460\*** and a back portion **462\***, as shown. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454\*** comprises an opening **456\*** for accessing the interior of the basketball tote-bag **454\***, as shown.

Preferably, opening **456\*** comprises a tensioned closure **458\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure is attached to the basketball tote-bag **454\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **454\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag **454\*** has a permanently attached strap **414\***, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate

carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414\*** is permanently attached to the tote-bag **454\***, preferably by stitching **442\***.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **460\*** and a back portion **462\*** of the basketball tote-bag **454\*** make up an entire (full-portion) basketball or basketball-like representation. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** comprises the specific details of a typical basketball including size, shape, material, color, texture, seam arrangement, symmetry, common indicia, etc.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the football tote-bag, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** is made of material similar to the material from which official basketballs are made, such as official National Basketball Association (NBA) basketballs are made, preferably leather. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official NBA basketballs (for example, brownish-orange leather and black seams). Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** is textured similarly

to the dimpled or pebbled texture of an official NBA basketball. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** comprises seams **468\*** that appear similar, in pattern and appearance, to the seams of an official NBA basketball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with black threading and sealed with black rubber. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, basketball manufacturer's preference, etc., other basketball tote-bag **454\*** representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 35b is a front view of the basketball tote-bag **454\*** of FIG. 35a. Preferably, front portion **460\*** comprises indicia **474\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **474\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise basketball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NBA indicia, consistent with other basketball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA),



National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), Los Angeles Lakers, Duke Blue devils, Houston Comets, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **456\*** and tensioned closure **458\*** are located at the top of the basketball tote-bag **454\***, as shown, such that items stored within the basketball tote-bag **454\*** do not fall out when the closure **458\*** is opened. Preferably, the opening **456\*** and tensioned closure **458\*** are located between the front portion **460\*** and the back portion **462\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **456\*** and tensioned closure **458\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **456\*** and tensioned closure **458\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside basketball tote-bag **454\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within basketball tote-bag **454\***.

FIG. 35e is a side view of the of the basketball tote-bag

**454\*** of FIG. 35a. Preferably, the basketball tote-bag **454\*** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual basketball. Preferably, only a full portion of the basketball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **462\***, as shown. Preferably, basketball tote-bag **454\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other basketball tote-bag **454\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 36a is a perspective view of a soccer ball tote bag **484\***, having permanently attached handles **414\***, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 36b is a front view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a. FIG. 36c is a back view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a. FIG. 36d is a top view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a. FIG. 36e is a side view of the soccer ball tote bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a soccer ball tote-bag **484\***, as shown in embodiment **482\***. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises a front portion **490\*** and a back portion **492\***, as shown. Preferably,

soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises an opening **486\*** for accessing the interior of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\***, as shown.

Preferably, opening **486\*** comprises a tensioned closure **488\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure **488\*** is attached to the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **484\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag **484\*** has a permanently attached strap **414\***, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414\*** is permanently attached to the tote-bag **484\***, preferably by stitching **442\***.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the

teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **490\*** and a back portion **492\*** of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** make up an entire (full-portion) soccer ball or soccer-ball-like representation. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises material similar to the material from which official Federal International Football (referred to as soccer in the US) Association (FIFA) soccer balls are made, preferably leather or synthetic leather. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIFA soccer balls (for example, white leather optionally comprising colorful abstract or geometric shapes). Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** is textured similarly to the slick and glossy texture of an official FIFA soccer ball. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises seams **498\***

that appear similar to the seams of an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown, preferably stitched with small white threading. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** comprises seams **498\*** that are similar in pattern and appearance to an official FIFA soccer ball, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, soccer ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other soccer ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\***, such as adult, child, miniature, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, seam arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede,

metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical ball colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 36b is a front view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a. Preferably, front portion **490\*** comprises indicia **494\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **494\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise soccer ball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIFA indicia, consistent with other soccer and International football associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as Major League Soccer (MLS), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), North Carolina Tarheels, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **486\*** and tensioned closure **488\*** are located at the top of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\***, as shown, such that items stored within the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** do not fall out when the closure **488\*** is opened. Preferably, the opening **486\*** and tensioned closure **488\*** are located between

the front portion **490\*** and the back portion **492\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **486\*** and tensioned closure **488\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **486\*** and tensioned closure **488\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within soccer ball tote-bag **484\***.

FIG. 36e is a side view of the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** of FIG. 36a. Preferably, the soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual soccer ball. Preferably, only a full portion of the soccer ball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **492\***, as shown. Preferably, soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this

specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other soccer ball tote-bag **484\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 37a is a perspective view of a racing wheel tote bag **504\***, having permanently attached handles **414\***, of the sports container system **400\*** according to a preferred embodiment **502\*** of the present invention. FIG. 37b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** of FIG. 37a. FIG. 37c is a back view of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** of FIG. 37a. FIG. 37d is a top view of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** of FIG. 37a. FIG. 37e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** of FIG. 37a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a racing wheel tote bag **504\***, as shown in embodiment **502\***. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises a front portion **510\*** and a back portion **512\***, as shown. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises an opening **506\*** for accessing the interior of the racing wheel tote bag **504\***, as shown.

Preferably, opening **506\*** comprises a tensioned closure **508\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown



in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure 508\* is attached to the racing wheel tote bag 504\* using stitching 409\*, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 504\*, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag 504\* has a permanently attached strap 414\*, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414\* is permanently attached to the tote-bag 504\*, preferably by stitching 442\*.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with

ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **510\*** and a back portion **512\*** of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** make up an entire (full-portion) racing wheel or racing wheel-like representation. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises material similar to the material from which official NASCAR racing wheels are made, preferably a rubber-like material, preferably treadless. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official racing wheels (for example, black rubber, and black or chrome rims). Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NASCAR racing wheel.

Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises treadless tire surface **518\*** and smooth tire body **516\***, as shown in FIG. 37a, representing a surface similar to the surface of NASCAR racing wheels. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** comprises rims **515\*** that are similar in pattern and appearance to official NASCAR racing wheels, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under

appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, wheel manufacturer's preference, racer's preference, etc., other racing wheel representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different treads, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the racing wheel tote bag 504\*, such as scaled sizes to represent the racing industry, for example quarter-sized, HO-racing size, miniature size, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as user preferences, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other shapes, materials, colors, textures, rim arrangements, symmetry, common indicia, etc., may suffice. For example, alternate materials, such as rubber, plastic, felt, non-leather, suede, metal, non-ball materials, Velcro™, etc., may suffice. Also, alternative color configurations, such as bright colors, advertiser-specific colors, stripes, theme-specific colors, non-typical wheel colors, glittered, iridescent, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 37b is a front view of the racing wheel tote bag

**504\*** of FIG. 37a. Preferably, front portion **510\*** comprises indicia **514\***. Preferably, rear portion **512\*** also comprises indicia **514\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **494\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise racing related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NASCAR indicia, consistent with other racing associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, racers, and racing crews, such as Formula One, Monster Truck Racing Association (MTRA), National Hotrod Racing Association (NHRA), American Motorcycle Racing Association (AMRA), Goodyear, Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Rusty Wallace, Pennzoil, Penske, Budweiser, Molson, 7-up, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **506\*** and tensioned closure **508\*** are located at the top of the racing wheel tote bag **504\***, as shown, such that items stored within the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** do not fall out when the closure **508\*** is opened. Preferably, the opening **506\*** and tensioned closure **508\*** are located between the front portion **510\*** and the back portion **512\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now

understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **506\*** and tensioned closure **508\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **506\*** and tensioned closure **508\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside racing wheel tote bag **504\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within racing wheel tote bag **504\***.

FIG. 37e is a side view of the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** of FIG. 37a. Preferably, the racing wheel tote bag **504\*** is a 3-dimensional portion of an actual racing wheel. Preferably, only a full portion of the racing wheel is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **512\***, as shown. Preferably, racing wheel tote bag **504\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost,

etc., other racing wheel tote bag 504\* configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 38a is a perspective view of a hockey-puck tote bag 524\*, having permanently attached handles 414\*, of the sports container system 400\* according to a preferred embodiment 522\* of the present invention. FIG. 38b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524\* of FIG. 38a. FIG. 38c is a back view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524\* of FIG. 38a. FIG. 38d is a top view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524\* of FIG. 38a. FIG. 38e is a side view of the hockey-puck tote bag 524\* of FIG. 38a.

Preferably, the sports container system 400\* comprises a hockey-puck tote bag 524\*, as shown in embodiment 522\*. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524\* comprises a front portion 530\* and a back portion 532\*, as shown. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag 524\* comprises an opening 526\* for accessing the interior of the hockey-puck tote bag 524\*, as shown.

Preferably, opening 526\* comprises a tensioned closure 528\*, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure 528\* is attached to the hockey-puck tote bag 524\* using stitching 409\*, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification,

those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 524\*, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, preferably, tote-bag 524\* has a permanently attached strap 414\*, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414\* is permanently attached to the tote-bag 524\*, preferably by stitching 442\*.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight

distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **530\*** and a back portion **532\*** of the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** make up an entire (full-portion) hockey puck or hockey-puck-like representation. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** comprises of material similar to the material from which official National Hockey League (NHL) hockey pucks are made, preferably rubber, preferably hard rubber. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official hockey pucks (for example, black rubber, with multicolor indicia). Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** is textured similarly to the smooth processed rubber texture of an official NHL hockey puck, with optional dimpling in locations where additional stick and ice gripping may be desired.

Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** comprises a smooth black rubber puck body **540\***, with a circular indicia region **541\***, as shown in FIG. 38a, similar to the surface of NHL hockey pucks. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** comprises an indicia region **541\*** similar in pattern and appearance to official NHL hockey pucks. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost,



puck manufacturer's preference, etc., other hockey puck representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the hockey-puck tote bag **524\***, such as oversized and scaled sizes to represent the hockey puck, for example ten-times normal hockey puck sized, twenty times normal hockey puck sized, miniature size, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 38b is a front view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** of FIG. 38a. Preferably, front portion **530\*** comprises indicia region **541\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia region **541\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise hockey related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-NHL indicia, consistent with other hockey associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the International Hockey League (IHL), Western Hockey League (WHL), National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA), Budweiser, Pizza Hut, Mario Lemieux, Dominik Hasek, Detroit Redwings, Michigan Wolverines, Spokane Chief, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **526\*** and tensioned closure **528\*** are located at the top **531\*** of the hockey-puck tote bag **524\***, as shown, such that items stored within the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** do not fall out when the closure **528\*** is opened.

Preferably, the opening **526\*** and tensioned closure **528\*** are located between the front portion **530\*** and the back portion **532\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **526\*** and tensioned closure **528\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **526\*** and tensioned closure **528\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within hockey-puck tote bag **524\***.

FIG. 38e is a side view of the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** of FIG. 38a. Preferably, the hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** is a 3-dimensional hollow portion of an actual hockey puck. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a hockey puck is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **532\***, as shown. Preferably, hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other hockey-puck tote bag **524\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 39a is a perspective view of a tennis ball tote bag **544\***, having permanently attached handles **414\***, of the sports container system **400\*** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 39b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** of FIG. 39a. FIG. 39c is a back view of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** of FIG. 39a. FIG. 39d is a top view of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** of FIG. 39a. FIG. 39e is a side view of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** of FIG. 39a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a tennis ball tote bag **544\***, as shown in embodiment **542\***. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag **544\*** comprises a front

portion 550\* and a back portion 552\*, as shown. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544\* comprises an opening 556\* for accessing the interior of the tennis ball tote bag 544\*, as shown.

Preferably, opening 556\* comprises a tensioned closure 558\*, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure 558\* is attached to the tennis ball tote bag 544\* using stitching 409\*, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag 544\*, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag 544\* has a permanently attached strap 414\*, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap 414\* is permanently attached to the tote-bag 544\*, preferably by stitching 442\*.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat

welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, no straps four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **550\*** and a back portion **552\*** of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** make up an entire (full-portion) tennis ball or tennis-ball-like representation. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** comprises of material similar to the material from which official United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis balls are made, preferably felt. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official USTA tennis balls (for example, yellow felt). Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** is textured similarly to furry felt texture of an official USTA tennis ball. Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** comprises seams **562\*** and yellow felt **563\***, appearing similar in pattern and appearance, to the seams of

an official USTA tennis ball, as shown, preferably a white rubber seal. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, tennis ball manufacturer's preference, etc., other tennis ball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the tennis ball tote bag **544\***, such as oversized and scaled sizes to represent the tennis ball, for example ten-times normal tennis ball sized, twenty times normal tennis ball sized, normal size, miniature size, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 39b is a front view of the tennis ball tote bag **544\*** of FIG. 39a. Preferably, front portion **550\*** comprises indicia **551\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **551\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise tennis related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-USTA

indicia, consistent with other tennis ball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, and players, such as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Canadian tennis Association (CTA), Wilson, Nike, Reebok, Wilson, Prince, Gatorade, Dunlop, Slazenger, Andre Agassi, Anna Kournikova, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening 556\* and tensioned closure 558\* are located at the top 561\* of the tennis ball tote bag 544\*, as shown, such that items stored within the tennis ball tote bag 544\* do not fall out when the closure 558\* is opened.

Preferably, the opening 556\* and tensioned closure 558\* are located between the front portion 550\* and the back portion 552\*, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening 556\* and tensioned closure 558\* arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening 556\* and tensioned closure 558\*, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544\* can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544\* has pockets, dividers, or additional container

devices, concealed inside tennis ball tote bag 544\* (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within tennis ball tote bag 544\*.

Preferably, the tennis ball tote bag 544\* is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual tennis ball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a tennis ball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion 552\*, as shown. Preferably, tennis ball tote bag 544\* is arranged so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other tennis ball tote bag 544\* configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 40a is a perspective view of a baseball tote bag 574\*, having permanently attached handles 414\*, of the sports container system 400\* according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 40b is a front view of the baseball tote bag 574\* of FIG. 40a. FIG. 40c is a back view of the baseball tote bag 574\* of FIG. 40a. FIG. 40d is a top view of the baseball tote bag 574\* of FIG. 40a. FIG. 40e is a side view of the baseball tote bag 574\* of FIG. 40a.

Preferably, the sports container system 400\* comprises a



baseball tote bag **574\***, as shown in embodiment **572\***.

Preferably, baseball tote bag **574\*** comprises a front portion **580\*** and a back portion **582\***, as shown. Preferably, baseball tote bag **574\*** comprises an opening **576\*** for accessing the interior of the baseball tote bag **574\***, as shown.

Preferably, opening **576\*** comprises a tensioned closure **578\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure **578\*** is attached to the baseball tote bag **574\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **574\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Furthermore, as described above, preferably, tote-bag **574\*** has a permanently attached strap **414\***, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414\*** is permanently attached to the tote-bag **574\***, preferably by stitching **442\***.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost,

manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **580\*** and a back portion **582\*** of the baseball tote bag **574\*** make up an entire (full-portion) baseball or baseball-like representation. Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574\*** is comprised of material similar to the material from which official Major League Baseball (MLB) baseballs are made, preferably leather, preferably rawhide leather. Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official MLB baseballs (for example, white leather and red stitching). Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574\*** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official MLB baseball.

Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574\*** comprises stitches **586\*** and white leather **585\*** that appears similar to an official MLB baseball, as shown, preferably tightly stitched with red thread. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, baseball manufacturer's preference, etc., other baseball representations, such as softballs, plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the baseball tote bag **574\***, such as oversized and scaled sizes to represent the baseball, for example ten-times normal baseball sized, twenty times normal baseball sized, normal sized, miniature sized, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 40b is a front view of the baseball tote bag **574\*** of FIG. 40a. Preferably, front portion **580\*** comprises indicia **581\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **581\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise baseball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that,

considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-MLB indicia, consistent with other baseball and softball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), International Baseball Association (IBA), National Softball Association (NSA), Little League Baseball, New York Yankees, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening 576\* and tensioned closure 578\* are located at the top 571\* of the baseball tote bag 574\*, as shown, such that items stored within the baseball tote bag 574\* do not fall out when the closure 578\* is opened.

Preferably, the opening 576\* and tensioned closure 578\* are located between the front portion 580\* and the back portion 582\*, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening 576\* and tensioned closure 578\* arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening 556\* and tensioned closure 558\*, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, baseball tote bag 574\* can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other

personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, baseball tote bag **574\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container devices, concealed inside baseball tote bag **574\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within baseball tote bag **574\***.

Preferably, the baseball tote bag **574\*** is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual baseball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a baseball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **582\***, as shown.

Preferably, baseball tote bag **574\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other baseball tote bag **574\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 41a is a perspective view of a volleyball tote bag, having permanently attached handles **414\***, of the sports container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 41b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** of FIG. 41a. FIG. 41c is a back view of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** of FIG. 41a. FIG. 41d is a top view of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** of FIG. 41a. FIG. 41e is a

side view of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** of FIG. 41a.

Preferably, the sports container system **400\*** comprises a volleyball tote bag **604\***, as shown in embodiment **602\***. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604\*** comprises a front portion **610\*** and a back portion **612\***, as shown. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604\*** comprises an opening **606\*** for accessing the interior of the volleyball tote bag **604\***, as shown.

Preferably, opening **606\*** comprises a tensioned closure **608\***, preferably a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com), as shown in FIG. 42b). Preferably, the closure **608\*** is attached to the volleyball tote bag **604\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag **604\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, tote-bag **604\*** has a permanently attached strap **414\***, as shown, preferably long enough to facilitate carrying by a user. Preferably, strap **414\*** is permanently attached to the tote-bag **604\***, preferably by stitching **442\***.

Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those

with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, container attachability, etc., other permanent attachments, such as rivets, staples, chemical welds, heat welds, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as economics, manufacturing, container detachability, durability, etc., other permanent connectors, may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as weight distribution, user preferences, economic considerations, etc., more than one strap, such as two straps, four straps etc., may suffice.

Preferably, front portion **610\*** and a back portion **612\*** of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** make up an entire (full-portion) volleyball or volleyball-like representation. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604\*** is comprised of material similar to the material from which official Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) volleyballs are made, preferably leather, preferably white leather. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604\*** comprises a color scheme similar to the color scheme of official FIVB volleyballs (for example, white leather and

black seams). Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604\*** is textured similarly to the smooth leather texture of an official FIVB volleyball. Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604\*** comprises black seams **616\*** and white leather **618\*** that appears similar to an official FIVB volleyball, as shown in FIG. 33a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, cost, volleyball manufacturer's preference, etc., other volleyball representations, such as plastic material, different color schemes, different textures, different sizes, etc., may suffice. Furthermore, upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as use, economic consideration, advertising, etc., other sizes of the volleyball tote bag **604\***, such as adult-sized, child sized, normal sized, miniature sized, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 41b is a front view of the volleyball tote bag **604\*** of FIG. 41a. Preferably, front portion **610\*** comprises indicia **611\***. Preferably, strap **414\*** comprises strap indicia as shown in the above-described Figures (for example, indicia **110**). Preferably, indicia **611\*** and/or strap indicia **110** comprise volleyball related indicia. Upon reading this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that,



considering issues such as marketing, advertising, cost, team and player popularity, business benefits, etc., other non-FIVB indicia, consistent with other volleyball associations, manufacturers, slogans, advertisers, players, and teams, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Volleyball, Pro Beach Volleyball, Team USA, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, opening **606\*** and tensioned closure **608\*** are located at the top **617\*** of the volleyball tote bag **604\***, as shown, such that items stored within the volleyball tote bag **604\*** do not fall out when the closure **608\*** is opened.

Preferably, the opening **606\*** and tensioned closure **608\*** are located between the front portion **610\*** and the back portion **612\***, as shown. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other opening **606\*** and tensioned closure **608\*** arrangements, such as snaps, buckles, tension brackets, Velcro™, and other locations for the opening **606\*** and tensioned closure **608\***, multiple openings, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604\*** can be used to contain a variety of objects, such as wallets, money, credit cards, makeup, keys, papers, identification, consumables, and other personal, portable items, etc. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604\*** has pockets, dividers, or additional container

devices, concealed inside volleyball tote bag **604\*** (not shown), to assist a user in organizing and arranging objects within volleyball tote bag **604\***.

Preferably, the volleyball tote bag **604\*** is a 3-dimensional hollow representation of an actual volleyball. Preferably, only a full-portion-representation of a volleyball is used, so as to optimize potential personal item containment space and provide for a fully 3-dimensional back portion **612\***, as shown. Preferably, volleyball tote bag **604\*** is arranged to so as to appear symmetric. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, manufacturing, materials, cost, etc., other volleyball tote bag **604\*** configurations, such as non-symmetric portions, non-symmetric arrangements, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 42a is a perspective view illustrating the tote-bag closure assembly **411** of the sports container system **400** according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 42a is illustrative of closure assemblies **411**, (representing, as described above closure **408**, **458**, **488**, **508**, **528**, **558**, **578** and **608**). Preferably, the closure assembly **411** is a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure assembly **411** is attached to each respective tote bag **419** of

the sports container system 400 using stitching 409, as shown in FIG. 42a. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag system 400, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, each closure assembly 411 provides access and closure to an opening 413 to each respective tote-bag 419 of the sports container system 400 as previously described and shown. Preferably, each respective closure assembly 411 is tensioned such that pressing along an end 415 actuates the closure assembly to open and pressing along a side 417 actuates the closure assembly 411 to close. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure arrangement, operating preferences, dimensions, economics, user preferences, etc., other methods of opening and closing the closure assembly 411, such as spring-loaded buttons, button releases, locks, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 42b is a perspective view illustrating the tote-bag closure assembly 411\* of the sports container system 400\* according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 42a is illustrative of closure assemblies **411\***, (representing, as described above closure **408\***, **458\***, **488\***, **508\***, **528\***, **558\***, **578\*** and **608\***). Preferably, the closure assembly **411\*** is a purse closure such as a coin type purse closure (such as available from [www.kingskountry.com](http://www.kingskountry.com)). Preferably, the closure assembly **411\*** is attached to each respective tote bag **419\*** of the sports container system **400\*** using stitching **409\***, as shown in FIG. 42b. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure manufacturer, tote-bag material, economic considerations, durability etc., other methods of attaching the closure to the tote-bag system **400\***, such as adhesive, etc., may suffice.

Preferably, each closure assembly **411\*** provides access and closure to an opening **413\*** to each respective tote-bag **419\*** of the sports container system **400\*** as previously described and shown. Preferably, each respective closure assembly **411\*** is tensioned such that pressing along an end **415\*** actuates the closure assembly to open and pressing along a side **417\*** actuates the closure assembly **411\*** to close. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art, will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as closure arrangement, operating preferences, dimensions, economics,

user preferences, etc., other methods of opening and closing the closure assembly **411\***, such as spring-loaded buttons, button releases, locks, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 43 is a diagrammatic view of a system and method for selling at least one container system according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Preferably, businessperson **801** identifies manufacturers **803** (preferably international manufacturers) capable of both producing the container system, and printing out indicia onto container systems. According to an alternate preferred embodiment, businessperson **801** identifies international manufacturers **803** capable of producing the container system, and separate manufacturers capable of printing indicia on the container system. Preferably, indicia comprises sports-related indicia. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand etc., other indicia arrangements may suffice, such as, for example, any type of indicia from anywhere in the world. Preferably, indicia comprises indicia involving worldwide sport governing associations, and/or manufacturers, and/or slogans, and/or advertisers, and/or players, and/or participants, and/or teams, and/or racers, and/or crews. Indicia may include, for example, indicia **108**, and/or indicia **208**, and/or strap indicia **110**, and/or strap indicia **210**,

and/or zipper tag indicia **952**, as herein described.

Preferably, businessperson **801** selects indicia to be applied to sport container systems. Preferably, businessperson **801** contacts international indicia owners **805** (preferably international indicia owners related to at least one sport) and contracts for a licensing agreement **807** whereby indicia owner **805** agrees to allow businessperson **801** to provide end users **802** with sport container systems displaying the indicia of indicia owner **805** (embodying herein obtaining at least one license from at least one sports indicia owner in respect to at least one sports indicia related to such at least one chief item used in performing such at least one sport; and embodying herein wherein such sports indicia owner is an international governing organization for at least one sport). Preferably, businessperson **801** also contacts indicia owners **805** and contracts for a licensing agreement **807** whereby indicia owner **805** agrees to allow businessperson **801** to sell sport container systems, comprising indicia , to international advertisers **804**, or directly to end users **802**. Preferably, businessperson **801** makes royalty payments **816** to indicia owners **805**, as shown, according to licensing agreement **807**.

Preferably, businessperson **801** determines the preferred specifications **808** (embodying herein specifying at least one design for at least one container system) of each container system (preferably suited to the desires of advertisers **804**),

such as dimensions, color, materials, and location of indicia on the container system, etc. Preferably, container systems comprise fanny packs, and/or backpacks, and/or leg packs, and/or tote bags. Preferably, indicia is placed on the front of the container systems. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, advertiser request, etc., other indicia arrangements may suffice, such as, for example, placing indicia anywhere on any container, anywhere on any strap, anywhere on any accessory, and/or anywhere on any zipper tag, etc.

Preferably, businessperson **801** identifies and negotiates a contract **806** with at least one manufacturer **803** capable of producing container systems. Preferably businessperson **801** places orders **809** for container systems, provides the specifications and designs **808** (hereinafter referred to as "specifications **808**"), and makes payments **810** for container systems which are manufactured and delivered by manufacturer **803** according to contract **806**, as shown. According to an alternate preferred embodiment, businessperson **801** may manufacture the sport container systems.

Preferably, specifications **808** include indicia sizes, colors, and text. Preferably, at the conclusion of contract negotiations, businessperson **801** provides manufacturer **803**

specifications **808** and estimated production quantities.

Preferably, estimated delivery dates of the container systems are provided to advertiser **804** by business person **801** who receives such information from manufacturer **803**. Preferably, businessperson **801** solicits orders from advertisers **804** for container systems. Preferably, businessperson **801** solicits advertisers **804** that are related to sports. Preferably, businessperson **801** solicits advertisers **804** in local regional markets (such as, for example, a city, state, etc.), preferably regional markets with a large market for the associated sport and/or team/sport indicia, etc. Preferably, businessperson **801** solicits radio stations. Businessperson **801** preferably receives purchase orders **820**, followed by payments **822**, from advertisers **804**, specifying quantities of particular container systems and indicia, with desired delivery dates (embodying herein securing at least one order from the at least one advertiser, having at least one marketing indicia, for such at least one container system). Preferably, on receipt of purchase orders **820**, and/or upon reaching a retail agreement **818** with advertiser **804**, businessperson **801** preferably orders from manufacturer **803** specific production quantities of particular container systems, indicia, and desired delivery dates of finished product **824**. Preferably, manufactured container systems are delivered to advertisers **804** (embodying herein providing for



delivery of such at least one container system to at least one destination provided by such at least one advertiser).

Preferably, following delivery, advertisers **804** supply container systems to end users **802**, preferably for free as a promotion (embodying herein providing such at least one container system to at least one end user for free). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, those with ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as market demand, advertising strategy, etc., other distribution arrangements may suffice, such as, for example, selling container systems etc.

Preferably, advertisers **804** preferably remit payment to businessperson **801** according to agreement **818** (embodying herein receiving from the at least one advertiser at least one payment for the at least one indicia displaying container system delivered to the at least one advertiser). Preferably, businessperson **801** preferably remit payments **810** to manufacturer **803** on confirmation of delivery to advertiser **804** (embodying herein paying the at least one manufacturer for the shipped at least one indicia displaying container system). Upon reading the teachings of this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, credit, marketing, distance, etc., alternate ordering methods,

payment methods, sequences of steps, etc., may suffice. Upon reading the teachings of this specification, persons of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that, under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, convenience, efficiency, etc., alternate preferred forms of marketing distribution including, but not limited to, e-commerce through the Internet, television-based home shopping, catalog orders, mail orders, etc., may suffice.

Although applicant has described applicant's preferred embodiments of this invention, it will be understood that the broadest scope of this invention includes such modifications as diverse shapes and sizes and materials. Such scope is limited only by the below claims as read in connection with the above specification. Further, many other advantages of applicant's invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the above descriptions and the below claims.